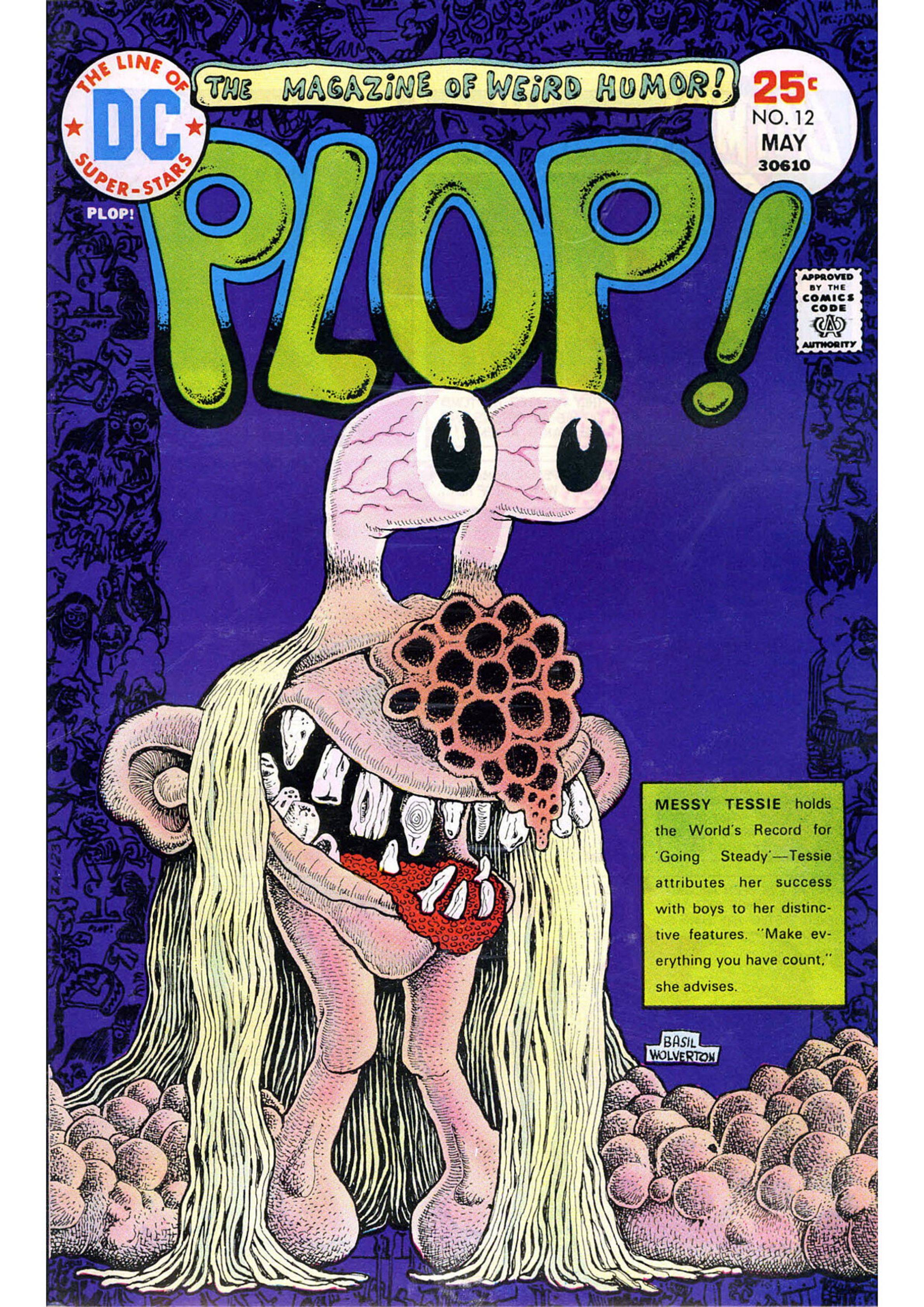
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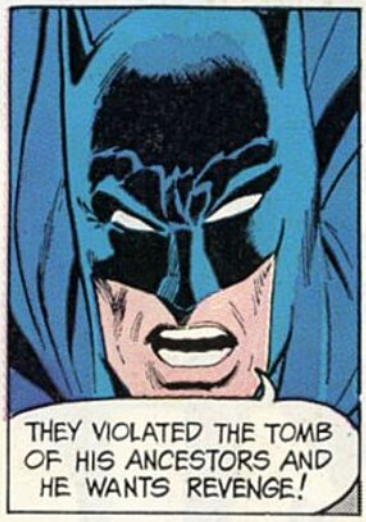

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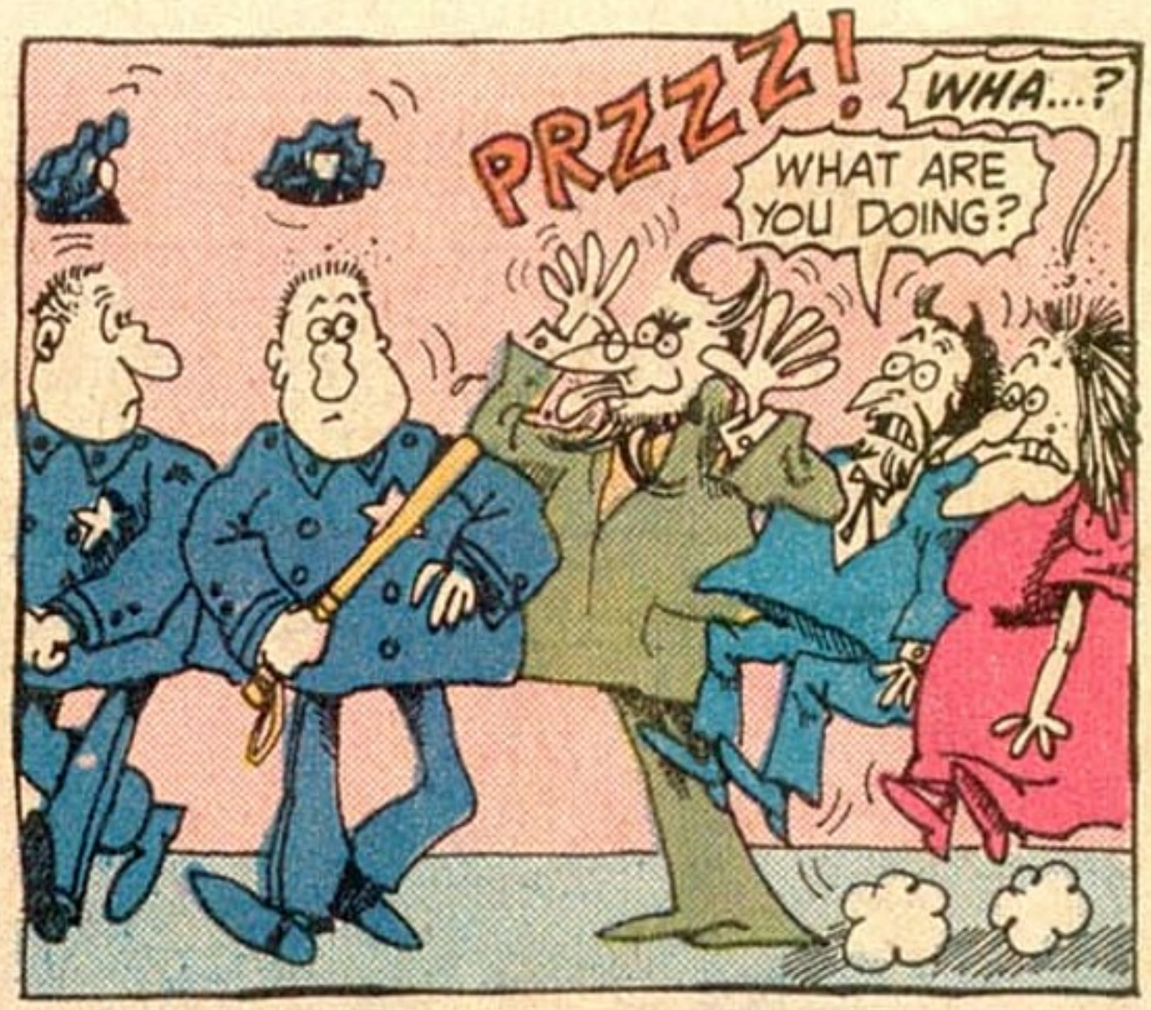
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WHA...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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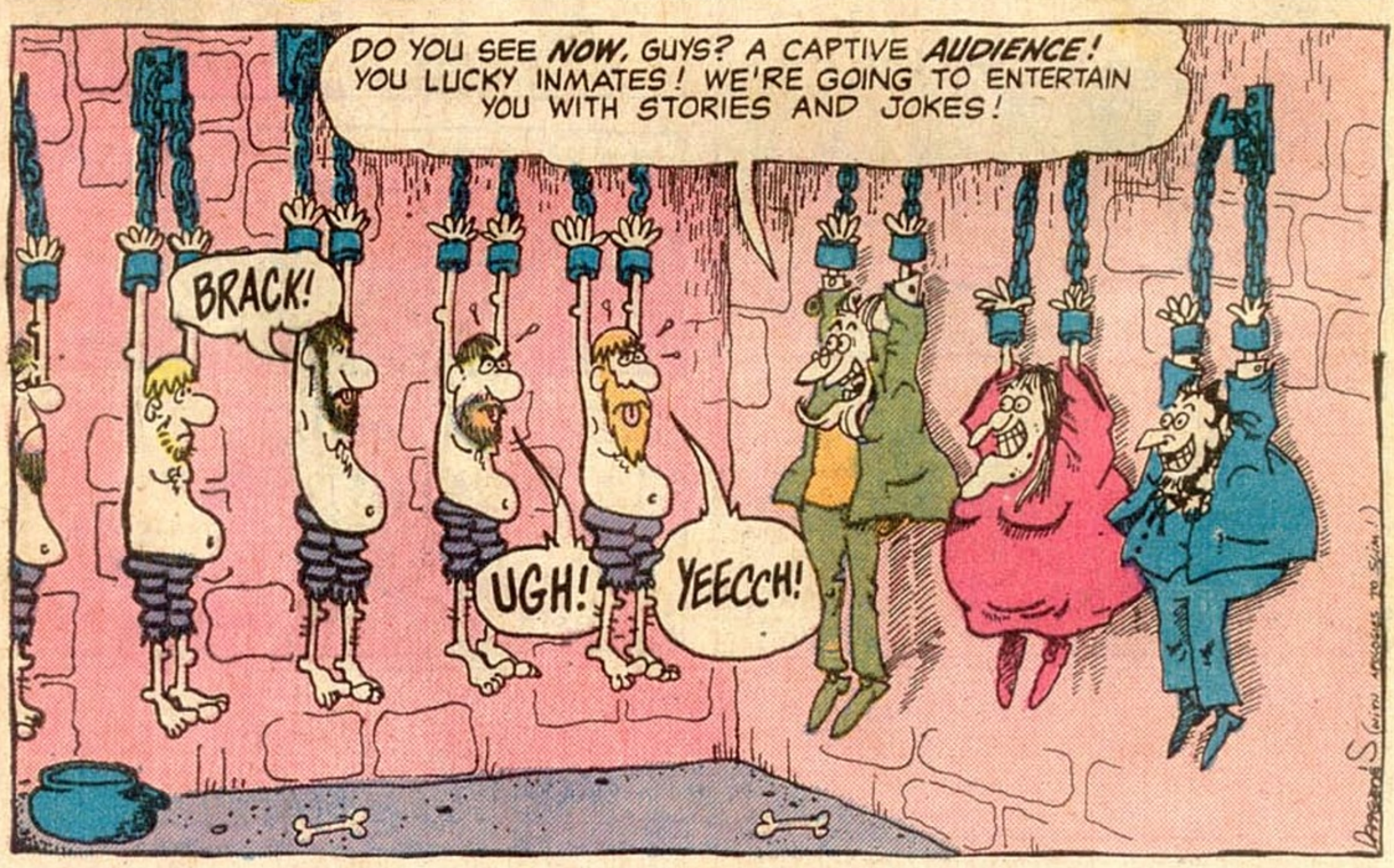
LOOK AT HIM GIGGLING-- HE IS CRAZY!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BRACK!
UGH!
YEECCH!

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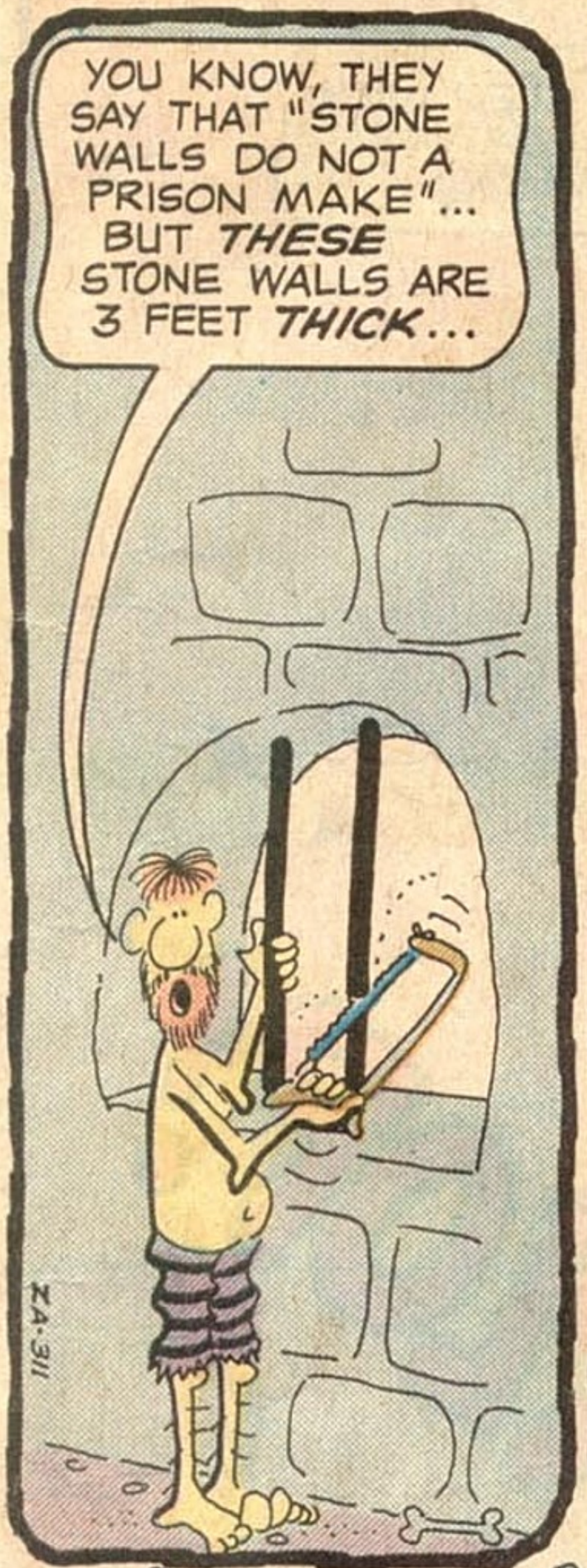

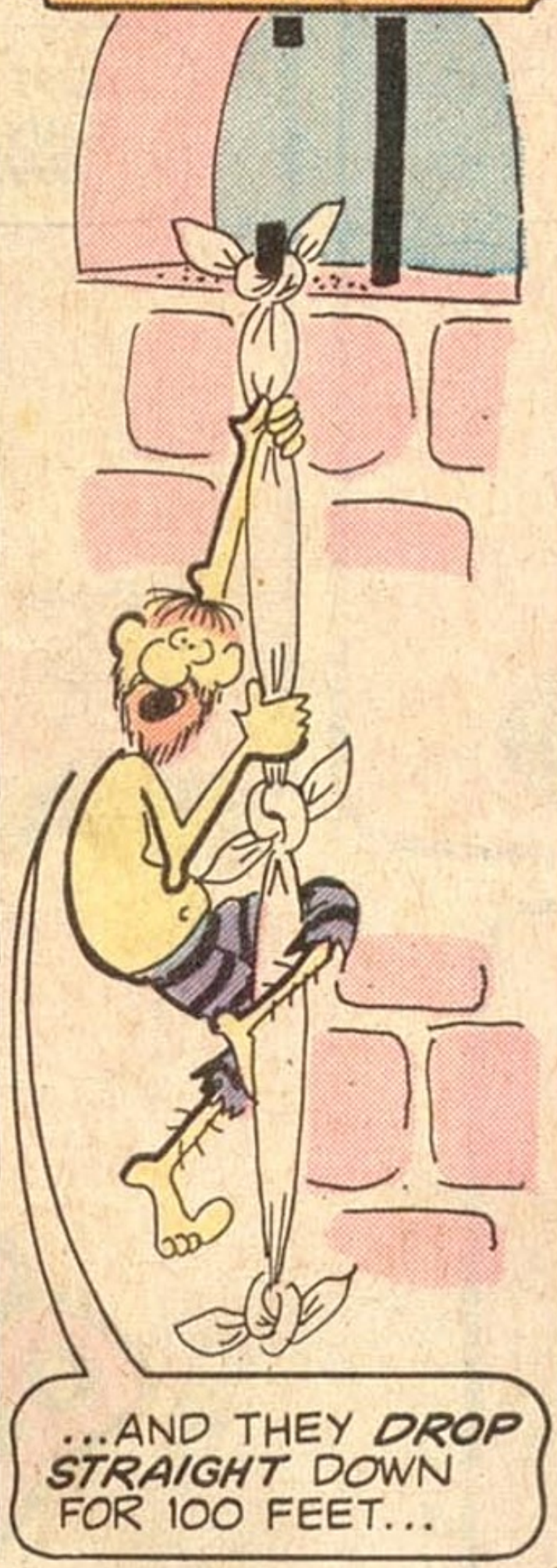

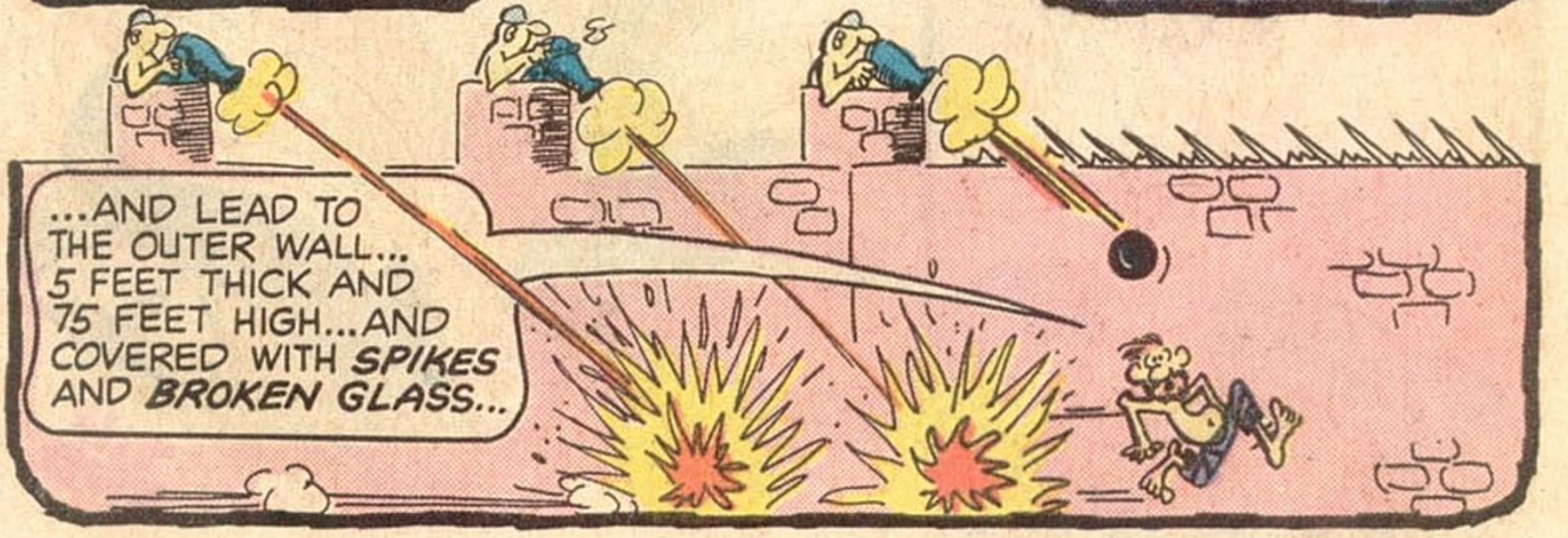

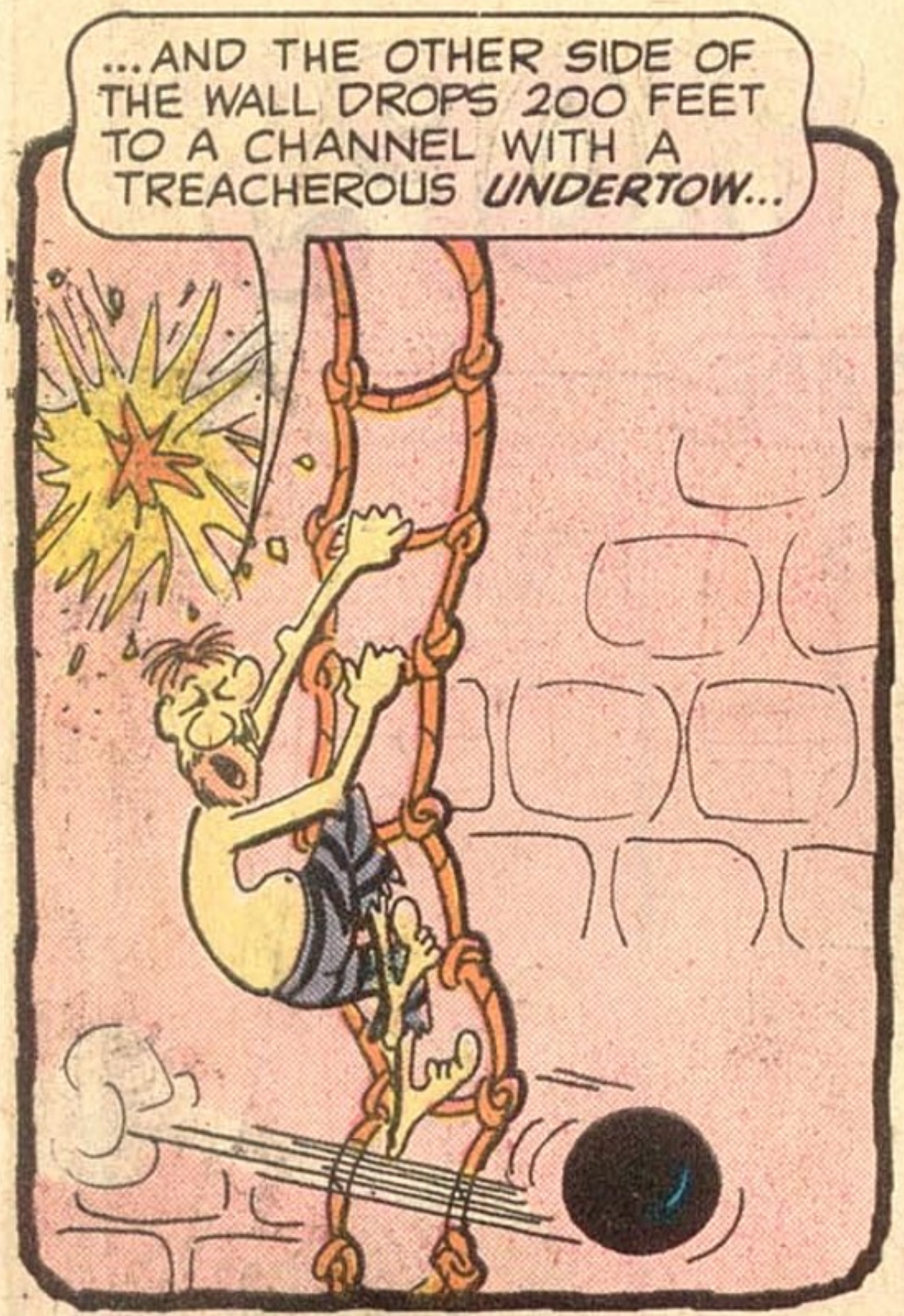
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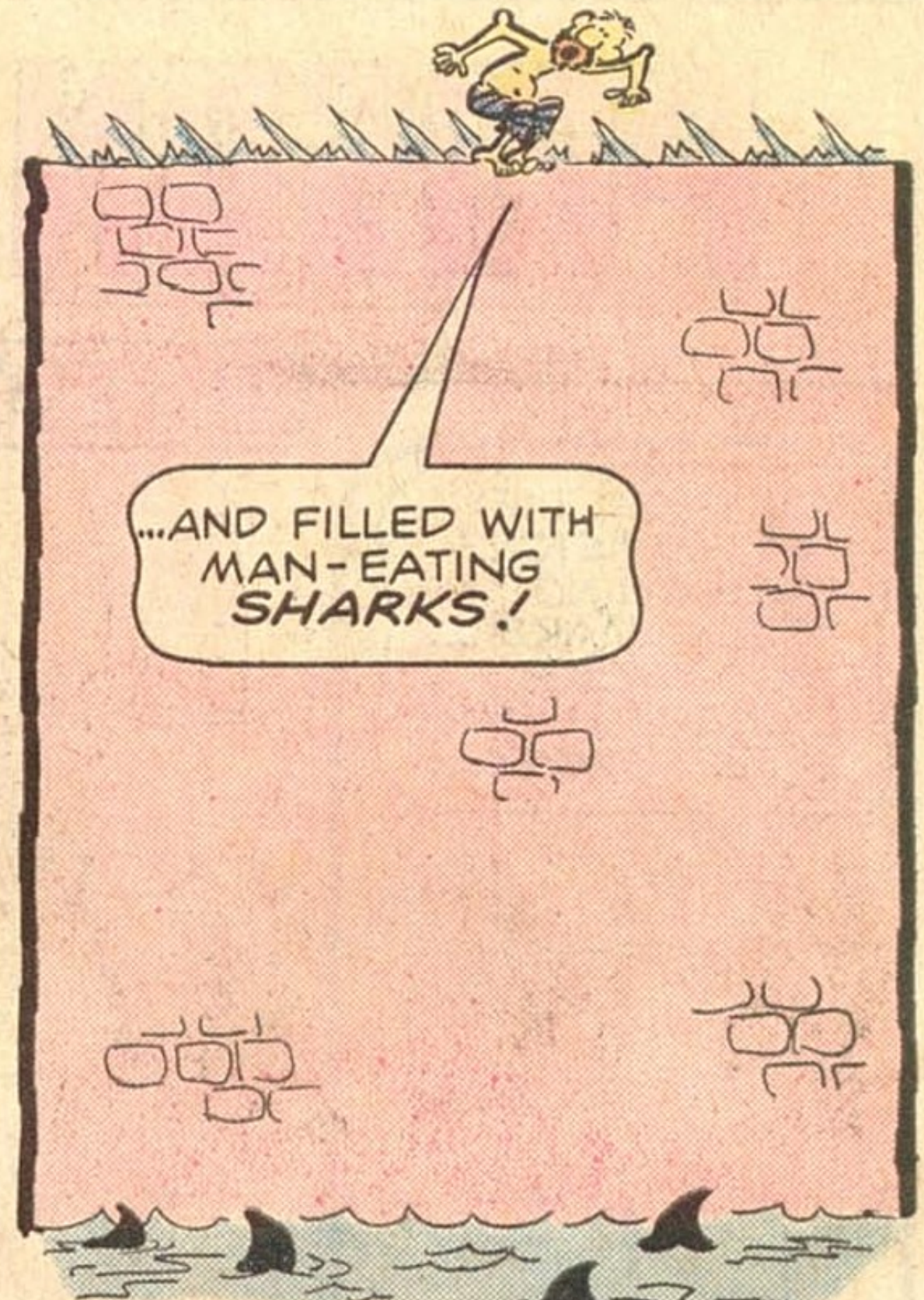
...AND FILLED WITH MAN-EATING SHARKS!

BUT DESPITE ALL THE HAZARDS... I MANAGED TO GET OUT!
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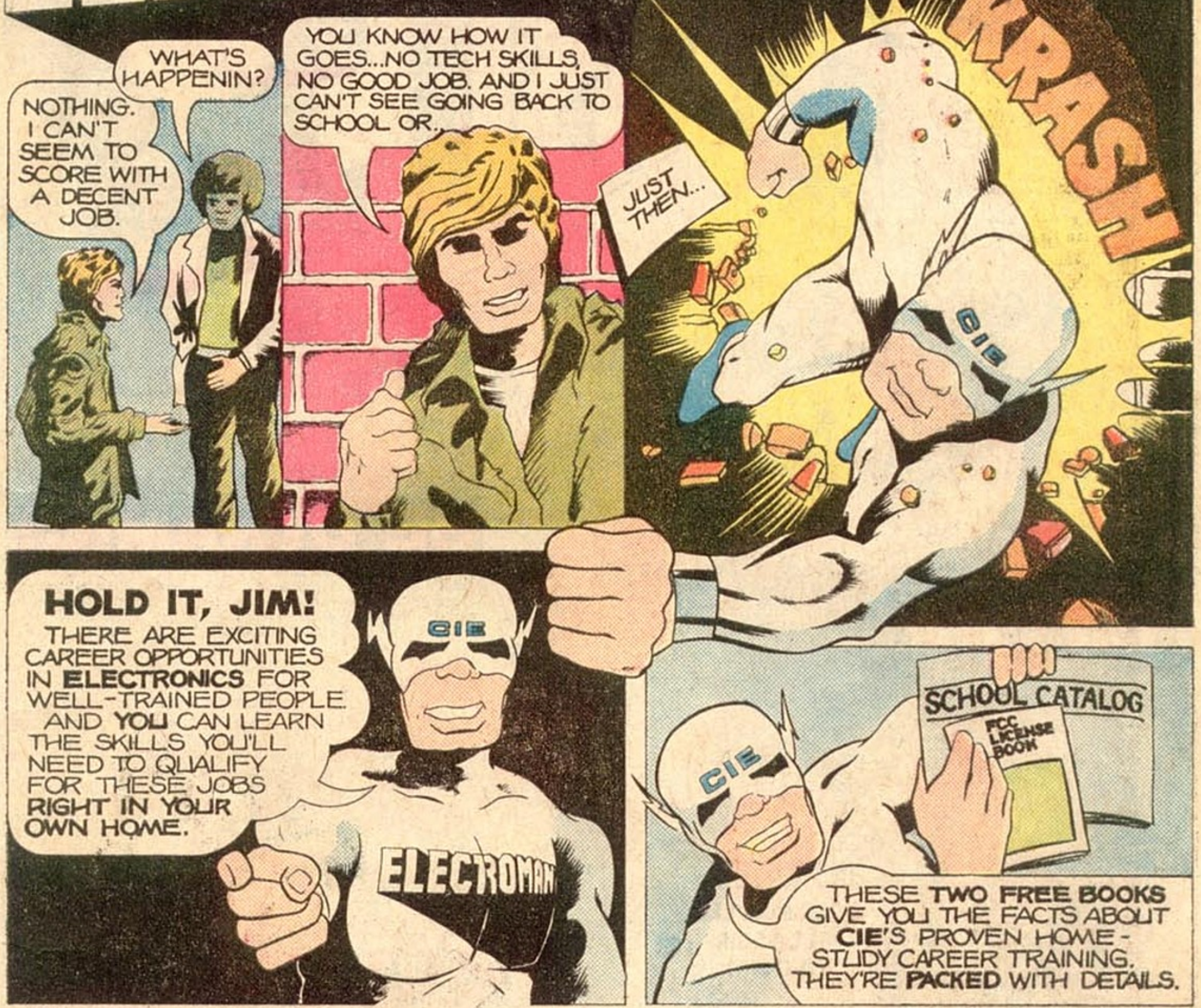

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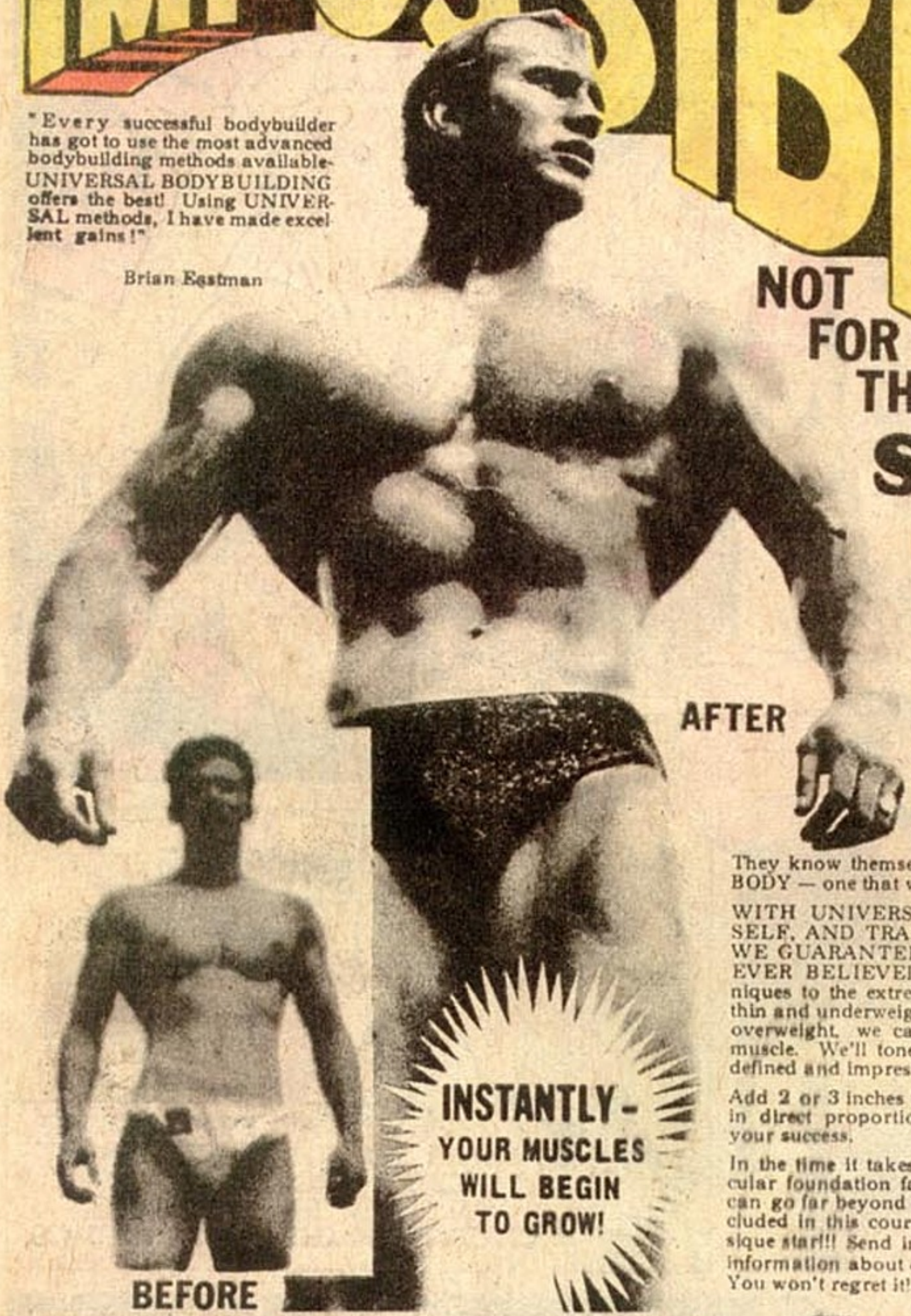

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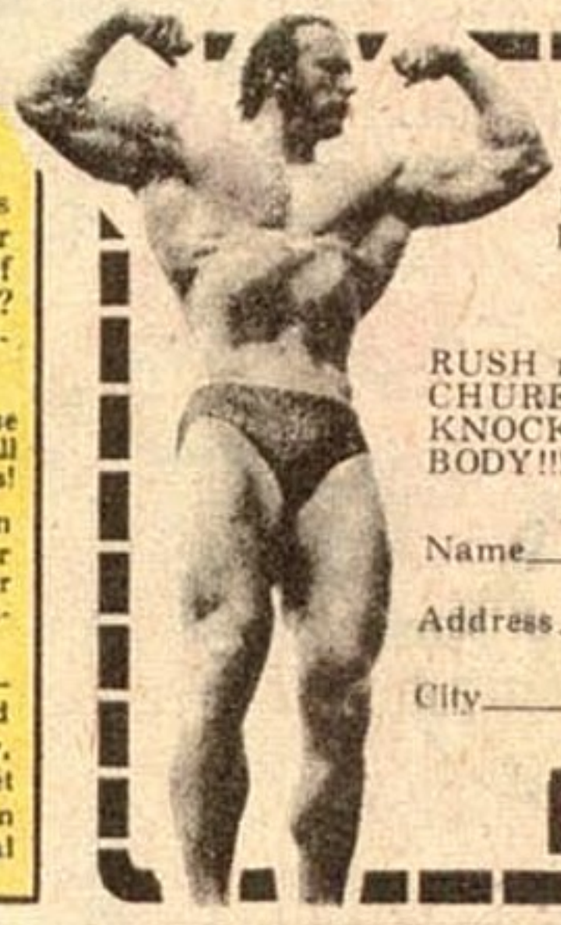

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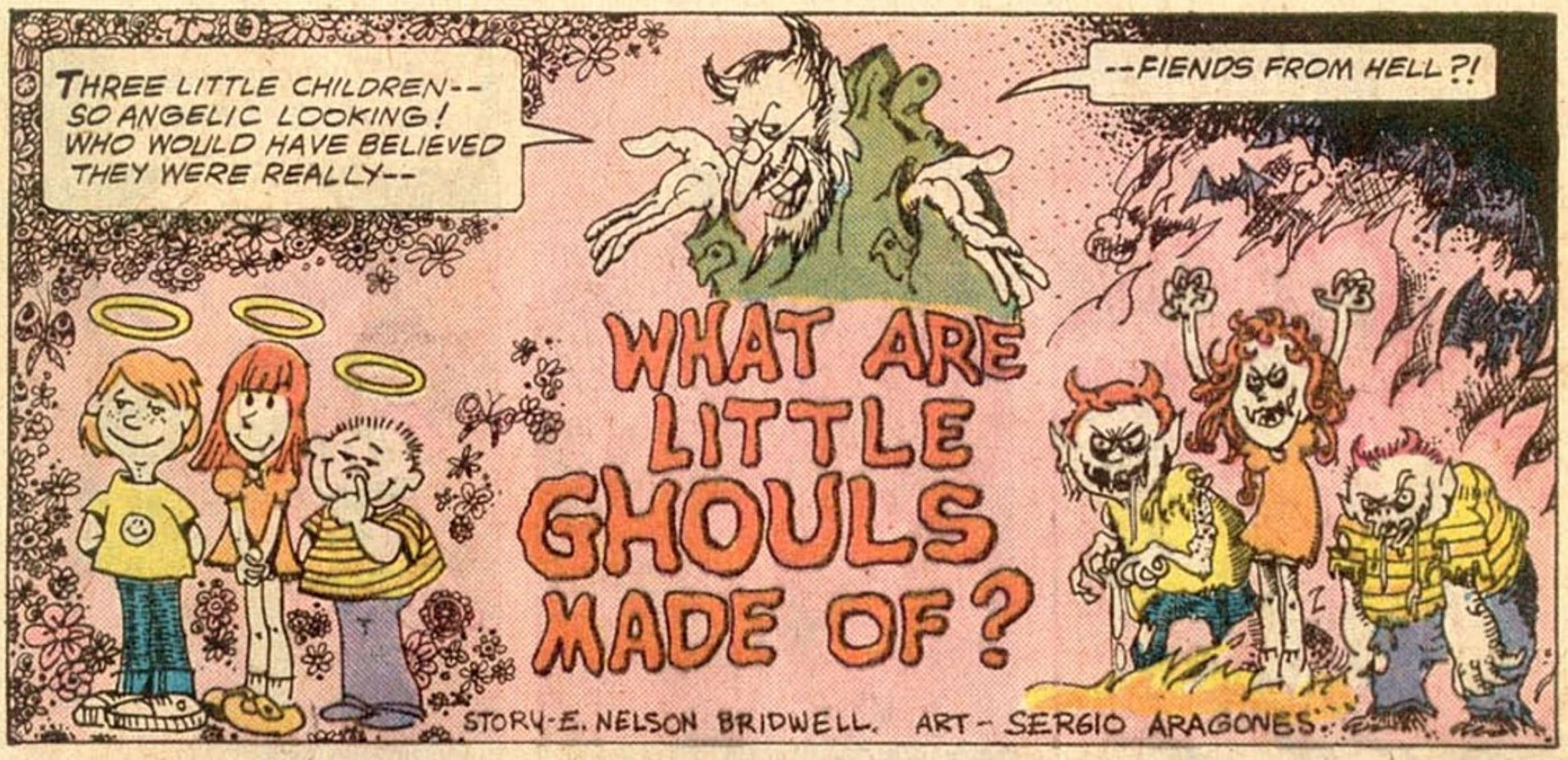
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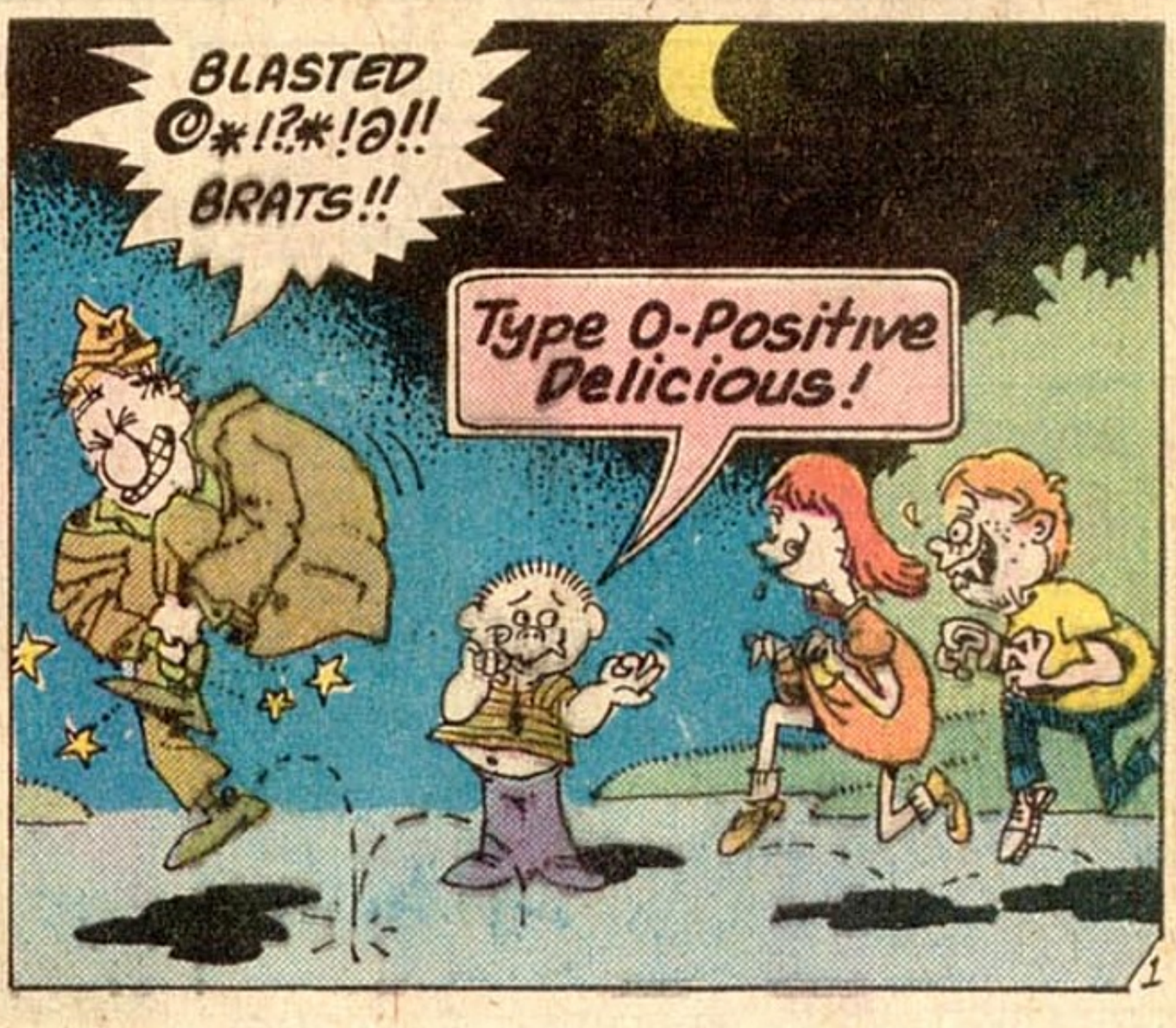
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Well?
Right! Best blood I've had in weeks!
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Time to fly home!
What else?
Yeah... Changin' into bats is great...

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FLAP! FLAP! FLAP!

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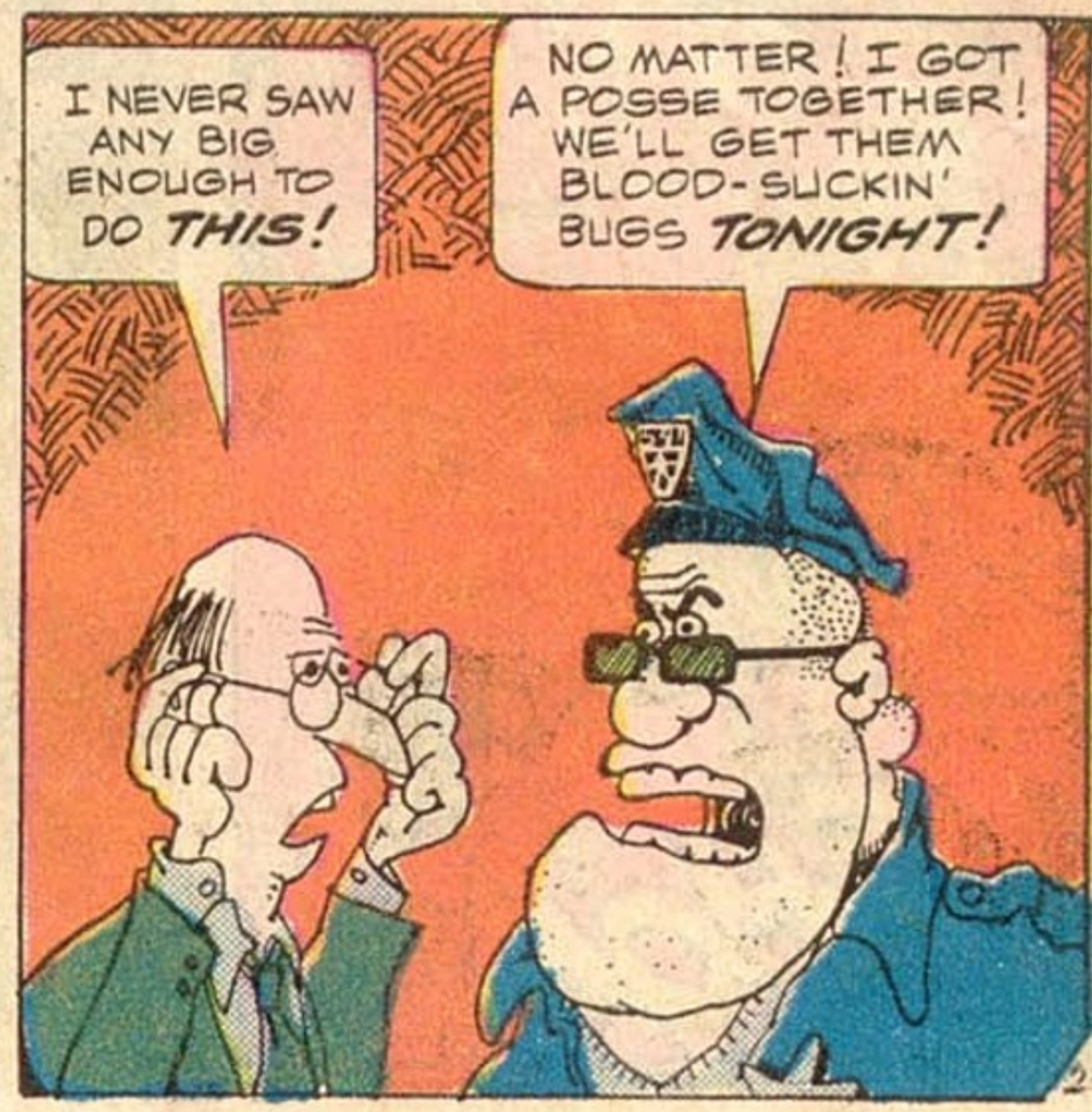
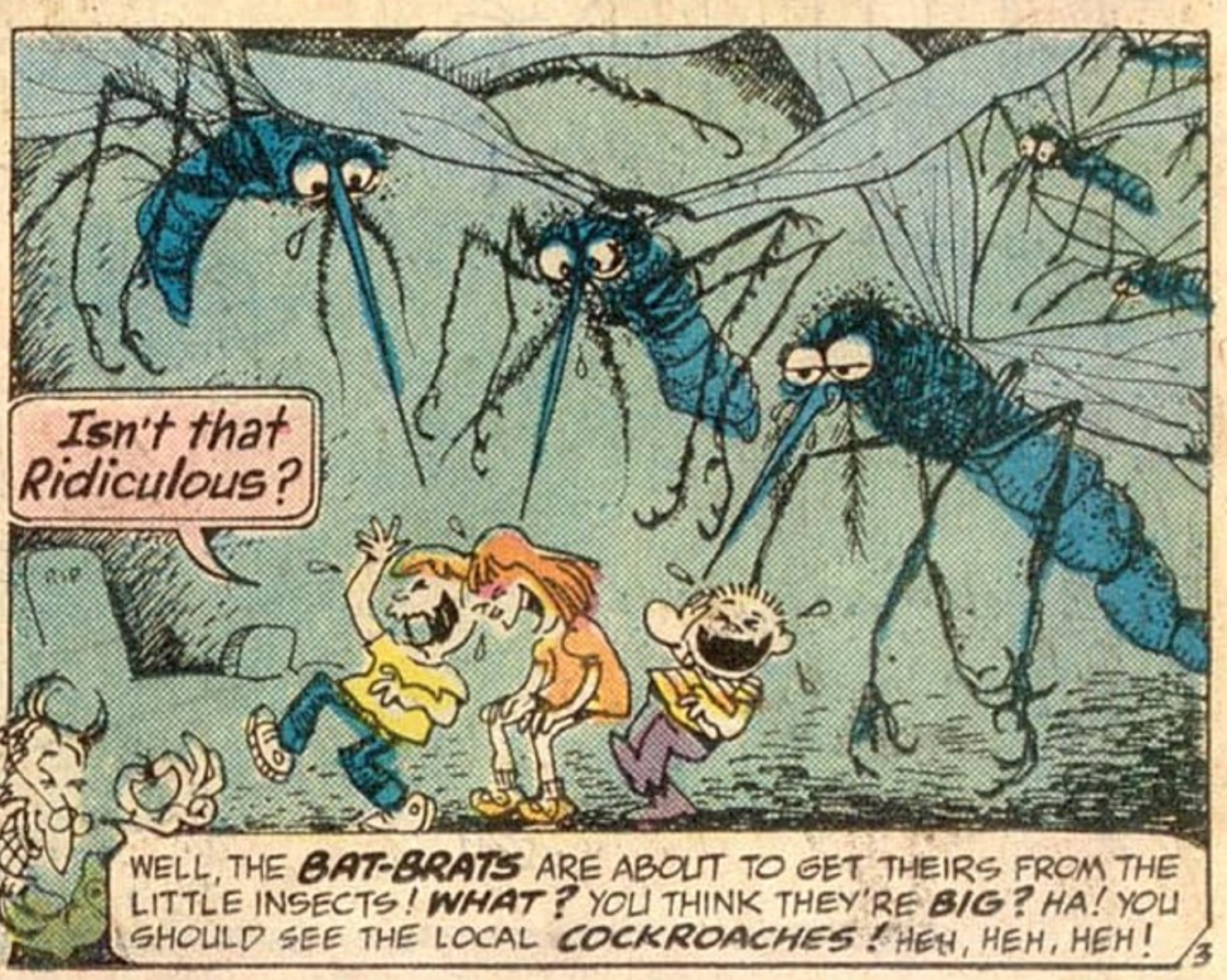
THAT'S FOURTEEN BODIES SO FAR... ALL DRAINED OF BLOOD!
YEP! THEM MOSQUITOES ARE SURE OUTA HAND!


I NEVER SAW ANY BIG ENOUGH TO DO THIS!
NO MATTER! I GOT A POSSE TOGETHER! WE'LL GET THEM BLOOD-SUCKIN' BUGS TONIGHT!

AFTER SUNSET, THE MOB FORMS, DETERMINED TO WIPE OUT ANY HAPLESS MOSQUITO IT MEETS... WITHOUT EVEN A JURY TRIAL...

COME ON, MEN!

LET'S GO!



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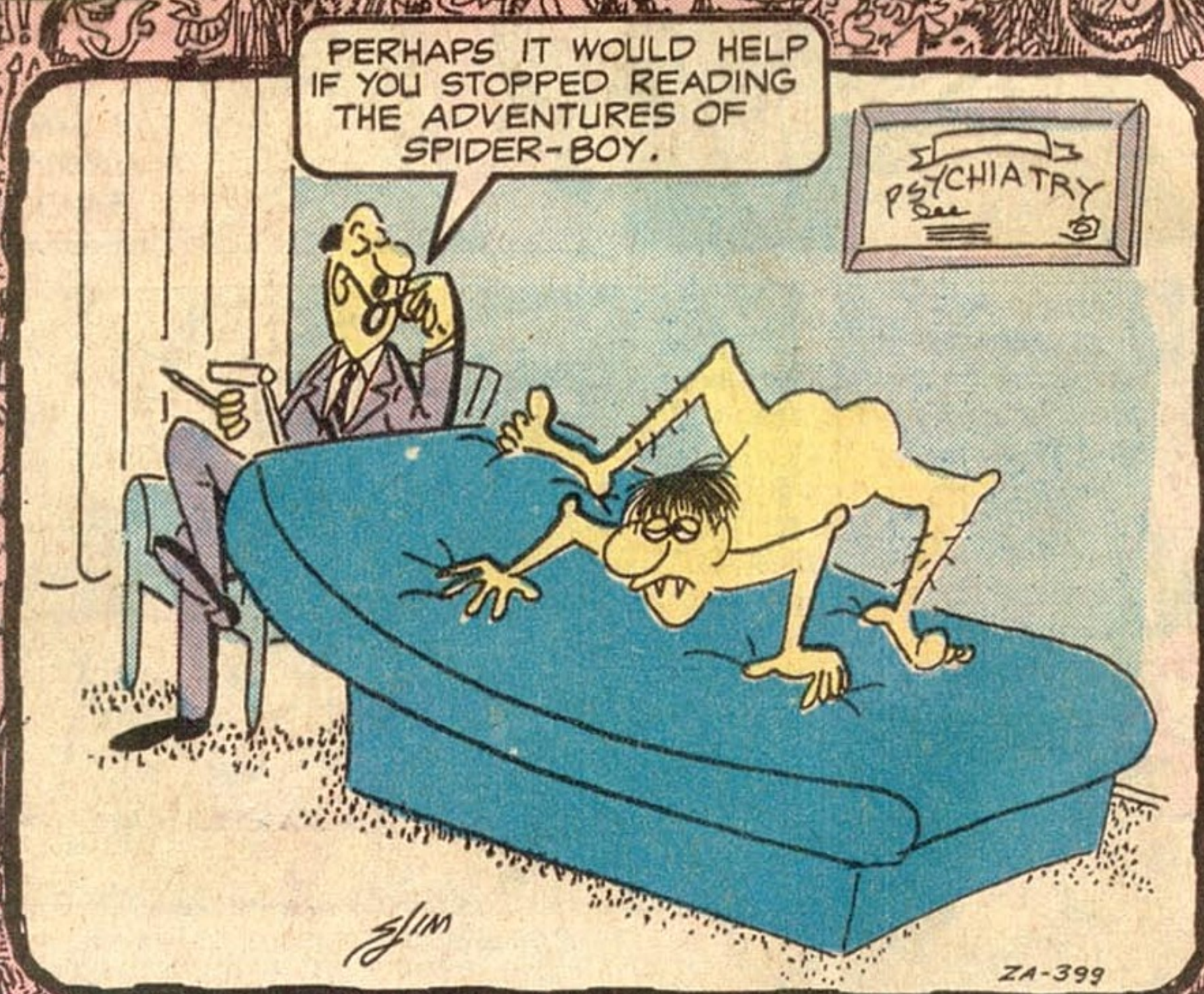

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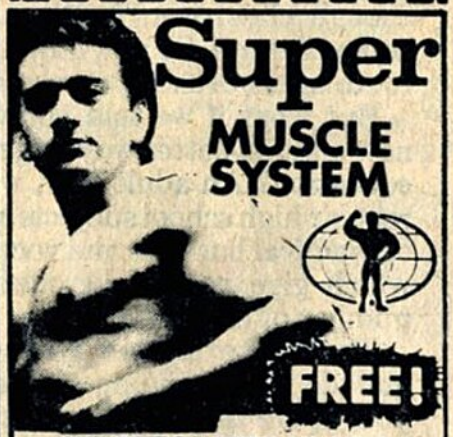

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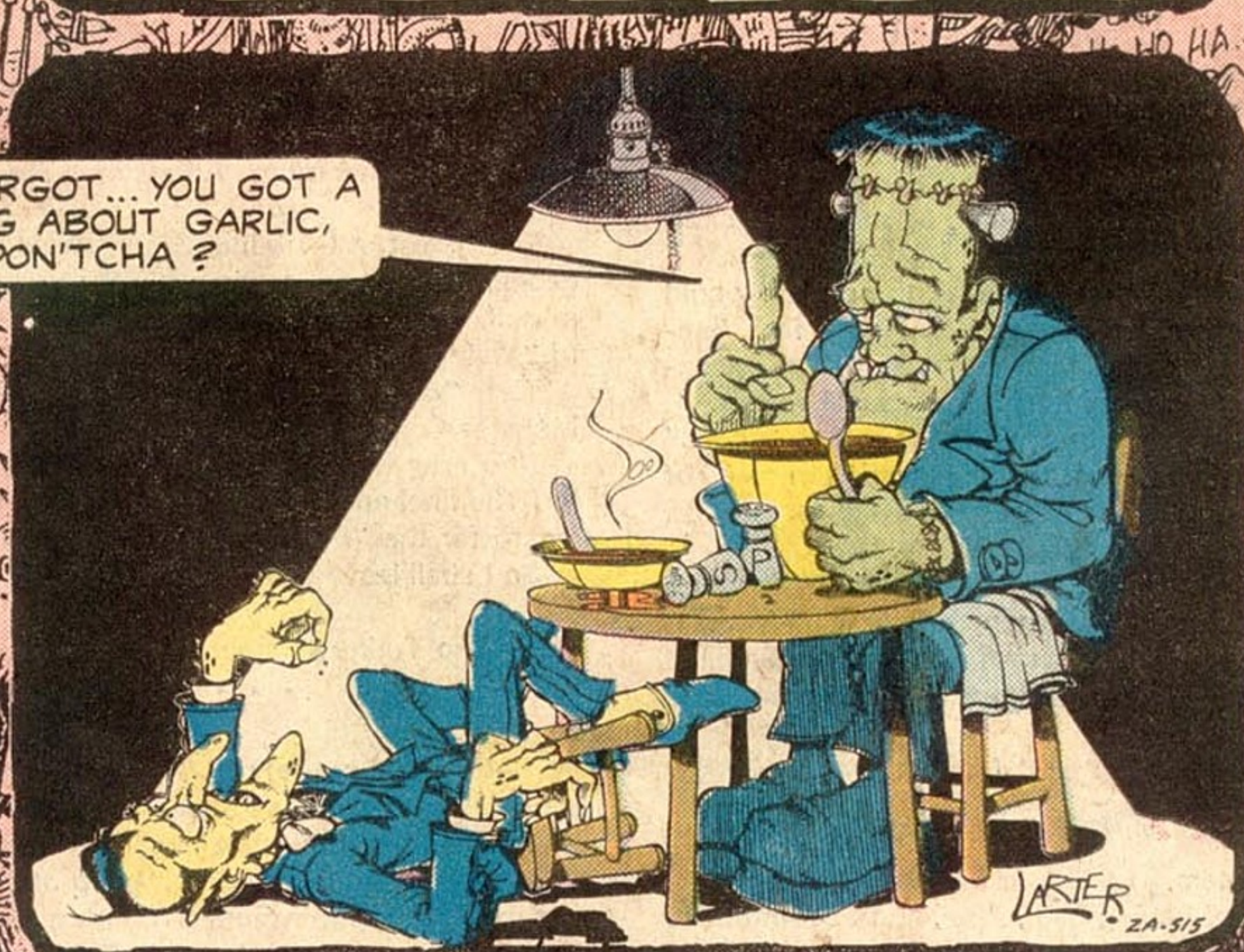

Dear Plop,

Plop #8 was great! But how did you guys ever get back to our own time?

Jason Williams, Lexington, Kentucky

You'll have to ask Merlin about that. All we know is we tried to tell him and Arthur a couple more stories to redeem ourselves, and we ended up back here in a Plop!

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Sirs,

I am called Zarkov. I am of the planet Vridges of the solar system of the star-sun Arlanzia. I arrived upon your world four days ago (local reckoning). My mission was to observe the natural life processes of the inhabitants of the planet, as your world was on a list of planets which Vridges planned to colonize.

We are heir to mind probers and other such devices which could quite easily have bent your people's will to ours, and conquest would be swift. I discovered that even the most powerful minds on the planet could not resist the weapons of our superior race.

My report, therefore, was positive. However, as I prepared to transmit it to my superiors, I noticed a number of people purchasing a distinctive periodical. It was entitled "Glop", or something similar.

Upon opening the periodical, the person would undergo odd transformations. Curiosity, fear, happiness, anxiety, and then mindless fits of uncontrolled laughter would seize the casual reader.

I was tempted to try the so-called "comic" myself, but upon viewing the quivering remains of one of its victims, I wisely decided against such an action.

If a people cannot withstand one of their own publications to the point where they would lie in a gutter uttering madness in such an undignified manner, they do not even rate being conquered by our great men.

Modestly yours, Zarkov

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Dear Plopsters,

Instead of having Cain, Abel, and Eve introduce your fine **Plop** stories, why not have the House of Secrets, House of Mystery, and Sinister House introduce 'em? Or try an issue with Joe Orlando, Steve Skeates and Sergio Aragones handling the introductions and let Basil Wolverton do the cover as a self-portrait.

David Seidman, Beverly Hills, California

Mainly cause that would put US out of the magazine, and that's no good!

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Gregory,

Since you happen to be the most intelligent of **Plop** gang, I decided to write you instead of those stupid ignorant clods. But, enough of your keepers' good qualities . . . what I really wrote to you about is my own private poll. Presenting the First Five Issues of Plop Awards (surprisingly covering issues #1 to 5).

The first category is "Best Cover of a **Plop** magazine," and the winner is Nooly Nostrildamus from issue #4!

Next is "Best Artist not counting Sergio Aragones," and the winner is Berni Wrightson!

For "Best Sergio Aragones' story," the winner is "The Escape" from #1.

The "Funniest Story" category was a tough one, but I gave the award to "A Rejection From Cain" in #3!

The "Best All-Around Story" was easiest to decide. That went unanimously (I agreed with me, myself, and the other half of my schizo personality) to "Molded In Evil" in #5!

The "Best Surrounding Story" was "The Monster Convention" in #4!

And now for the moment you've been waiting for! The final and most important category . . . . the award for the "Best **Plop** Issue" goes to #4!

So I shall leave you until the next five issues are out.

The Yorktown Phantom, Yorktown, Virginia

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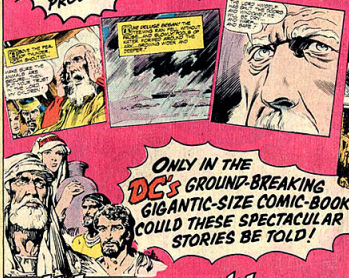

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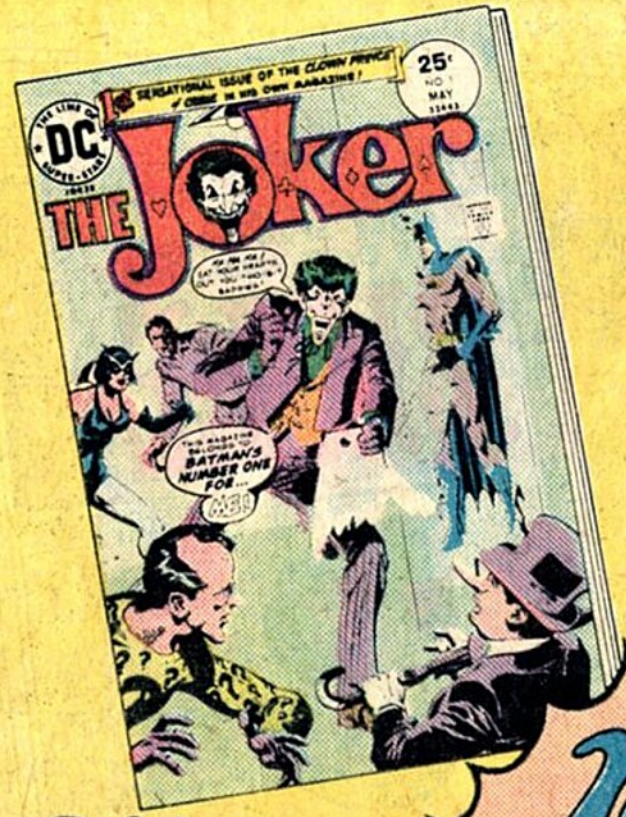

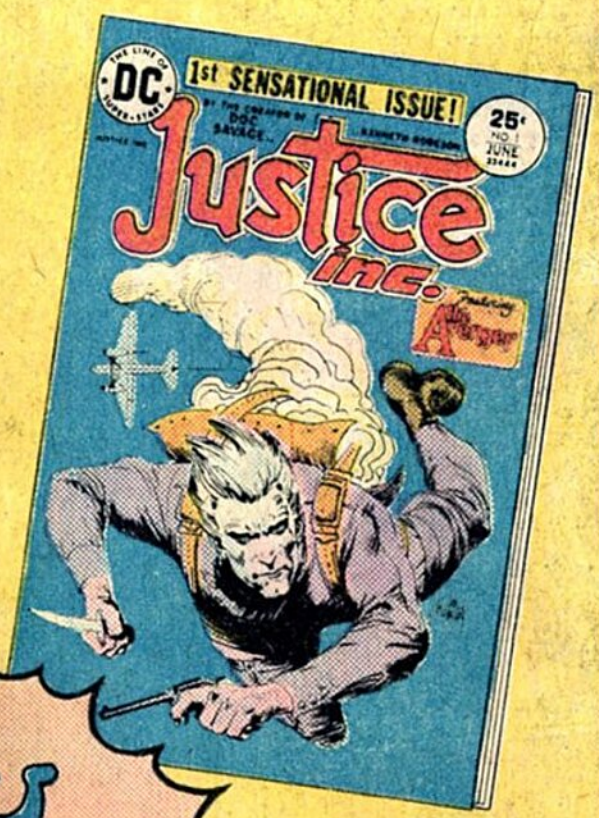

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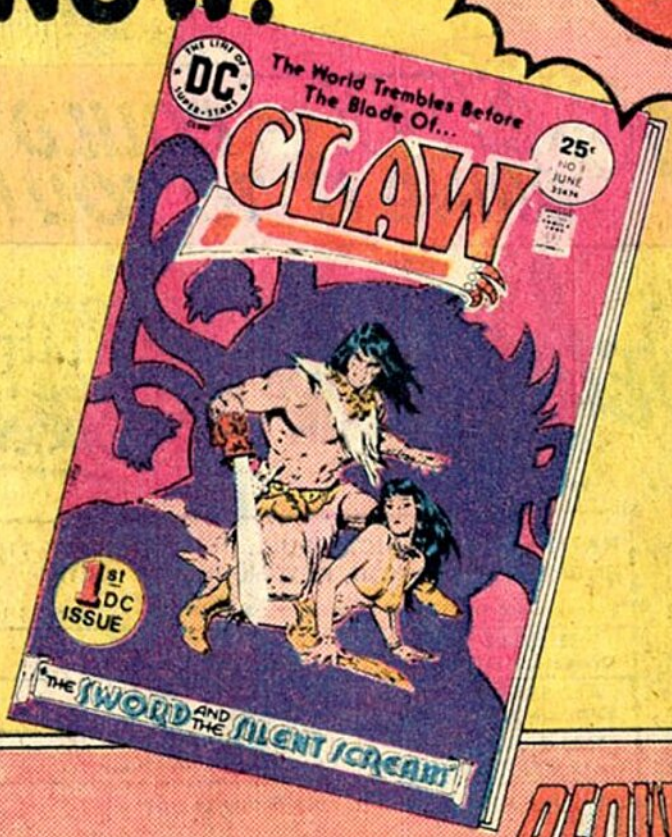

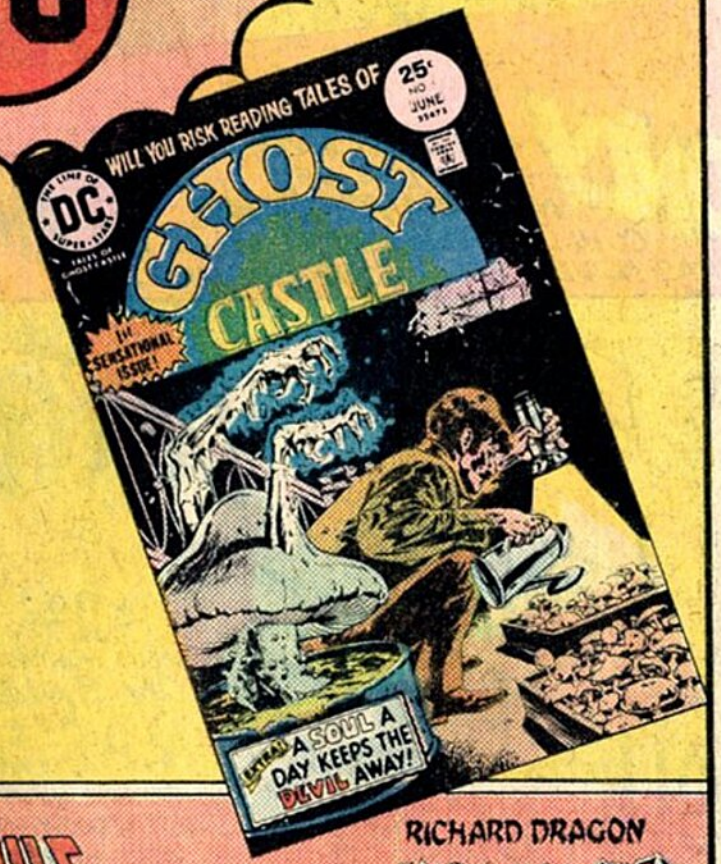

WATCH FOR BEOWULF DRAGON SLAYER

RICHARD DRAGON KUNG-FU FIGHTER

...AND MY RESEARCH PROVES THAT HUMANS CAN BE GIVEN THE INSTINCTS AND QUALITIES OF OTHER LIVING CREATURES... ENABLING US TO PRODUCE HUMANS WHO CAN EXIST UNDER WATER, LIKE FISH...OR FLY LIKE BIRDS...

I HAVEN'T LAUGHED SO MUCH SINCE RATS ATE UP MY UNCLE!..

may I now present the next

ha ha that's good

OR CROSS A MAN AND A CHICKEN— AND GET EGGS FOR NOTHING!

OR A DOCTOR AND A DUCK AND GET A QUACK LIKE YOU!

WHY NOT COMBINE THEM AND GET A HUMAN FLYING FISH?

I ASK YOU, IS THAT ANY WAY TO TREAT A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS?... OF COURSE, MANY A GREAT MAN HAS BEEN LAUGHED AT, BUT WHEN IT HAPPENED TO THE EMINENT DR. VARSAG, 10 MILLION PEOPLE WERE WATCHING--AND THAT SET THE STAGE FOR THE BIZARRE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT RESULTED FROM...

DR. VARSAG'S EXPERIMENT

WELL, WHAT WITH THE HILARIOUS PUBLICITY THAT FOLLOWED, DR. VARSAG WAS SO MAD HE JUMPED UP AND DOWN FOR 2 DAYS... AND THEN THINGS GOT WORSE!

DR. VARSAG, PLEASE, STOP JUMPING—YOU'RE WRECKING THE LAB!

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STORY: CORAM NOBIS

AND NOW THE GOOD DOCTOR UTTERED FATEFUL WORDS...

DEPRIVE ME OF MONEY, WILL THEY? WITH MY GENIUS, *EVERYBODY* SHOULD BE *GIVING* ME MONEY! *AND THEY WILL!*

ART: LEE MARRS

THE NEXT FEW DAYS WERE BUSY ONES— ESPECIALLY THE DAY 6 DOZEN MOLES ARRIVED...

FRITZ, MY BOY, THIS IS PHASE ONE OF THE VARSAG FINANCIAL SECURITY CAMPAIGN!

MOLES? WHAT DO WE NEED *MOLES* FOR?

WEEKS OF MYSTERIOUS ACTIVITY FOLLOWED... UNTIL ONE DAY...

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THEN CAME A PERIOD DURING WHICH THE GREAT VARSAG CONCENTRATED HIS INVENTIVENESS ON METALLURGY!!

THIS IS MOLYBDENUM I'M WORKING WITH, FRITZ... DO YOU KNOW WHAT MOLYBDENUM IS?

SURE... IT'S A MOLE'S IBDENUM. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT...

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I'M SO HAPPY!

AT THIS POINT... AS DR. VARSAG ANNOUNCED... HIS EXPERIMENT ENTERED PHASE TWO!...

WHAT'S THIS WITH THE INJECTIONS? YOU NEVER MENTIONED THAT!

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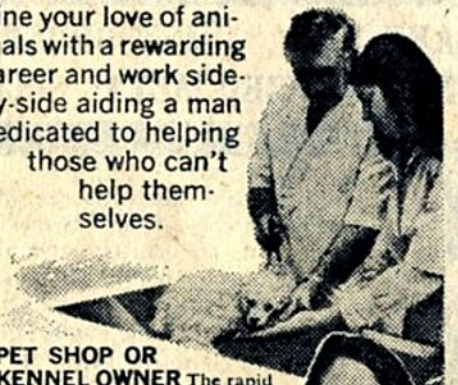

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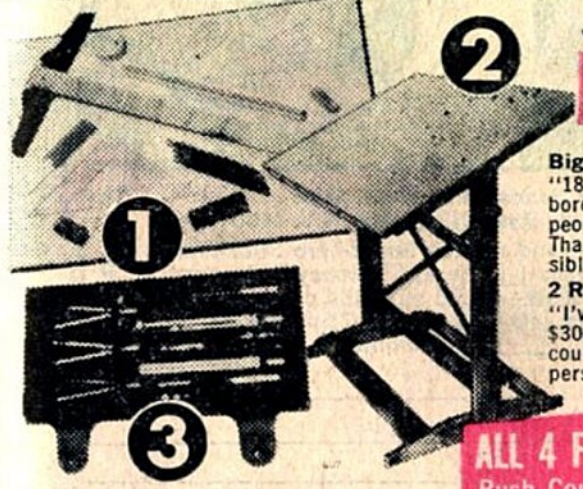

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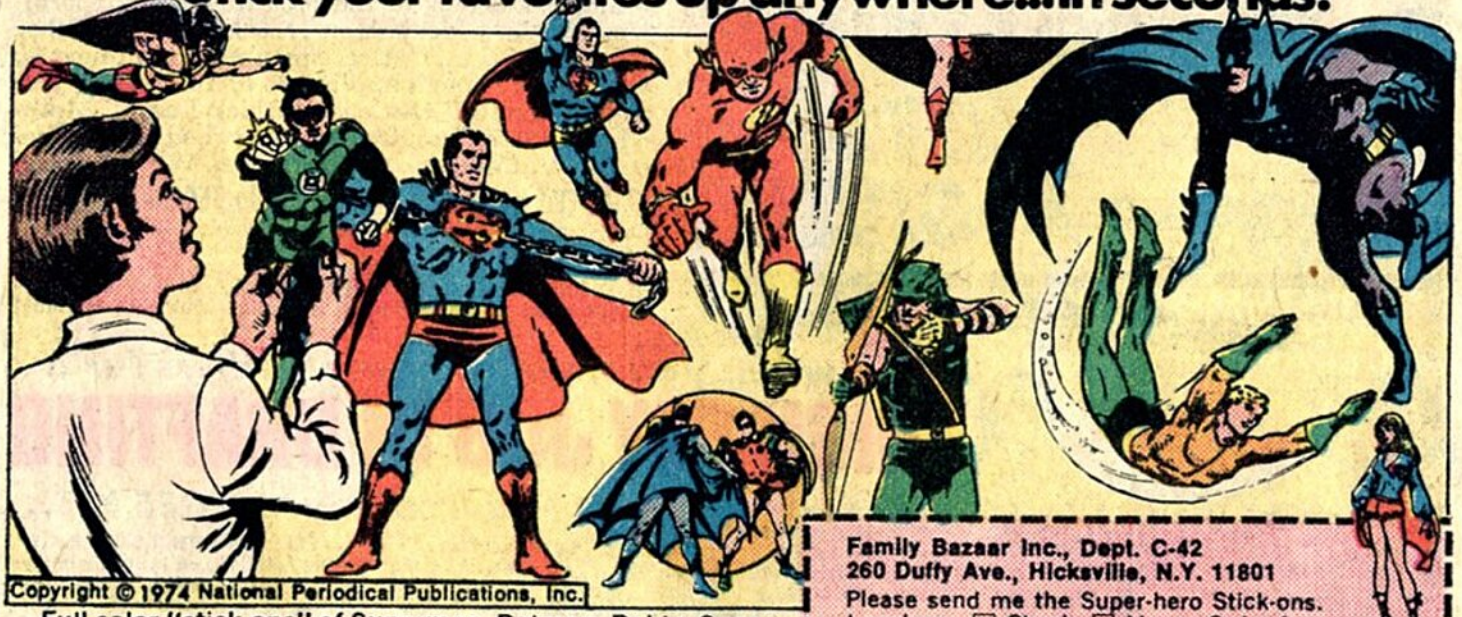

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...AND HERE THEY ARE—THE *VARSAG MOTORIZED ALL PURPOSE-CLAW-AND-BORER* A MOLYBDENUM ALLOY OF INCREDIBLE STRENGTH! TRY THEM ON FOR SIZE, AMBROSE, AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW THEY WORK!

I CAN'T WAIT!

IN A FEW DAYS, AMBROSE HAD DEVELOPED ENORMOUS PROFICIENCY IN USING HIS MARVELOUS TOOLS!

WHEW! TIME FOR A NAP!

BUT WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

FRITZ, IF A MAN EQUALLED A MOLE, IN ONE NIGHT HE COULD DIG 25 MILES OF TUNNEL SOLVING EVERY VENTILATION AND ENGINEERING PROBLEM INVOLVED. NOW YOU UNDERSTAND?

AND THAT WAS ALL DR. VARSAG WOULD SAY FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS... WHILE AMBROSE GOT TO BE MORE AND MORE LIKE A MOLE. THEN, ONE DAY...

DAILY PTUI
MINE DISASTER
78 MINERS -TRAPPED-

GRASSHOPPERS! MY FAVORITE!

THIS IS IT! PHASE THREE! FRITZ, MY BOY, WE'LL NEVER HAVE A BETTER OR MORE WORTH-WHILE CHANCE TO TEST AMBROSE UNDER PRESSURE!

IN A FEW HOURS THEY WERE AT THE SITE OF THE DISASTER!

HERE'S THE NEWSPAPER DIAGRAM OF THE MINE!

EXCELLENT! NOW, AMBROSE, STUDY THIS AND GET THE LAY OF THE LAND! YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING WONDERFUL HERE!

BACK INTO THE CAR THEY WENT, TO STOP PRESENTLY ABOUT A MILE AWAY FROM THE MINE... AND WELL BACK FROM THE ROAD...

BUT WHY HERE, DR. VARSAG? WHY NOT BACK AT THE MINE?

OH BOY! YOUR QUESTIONS! BECAUSE WE ARE DOING THIS IN SECRET! DO YOU WANT TO SPOIL EVERYTHING?

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AND A MOMENT LATER...
GO!
AND THE BEST OF...MY GOODNESS, HE'S GONE!
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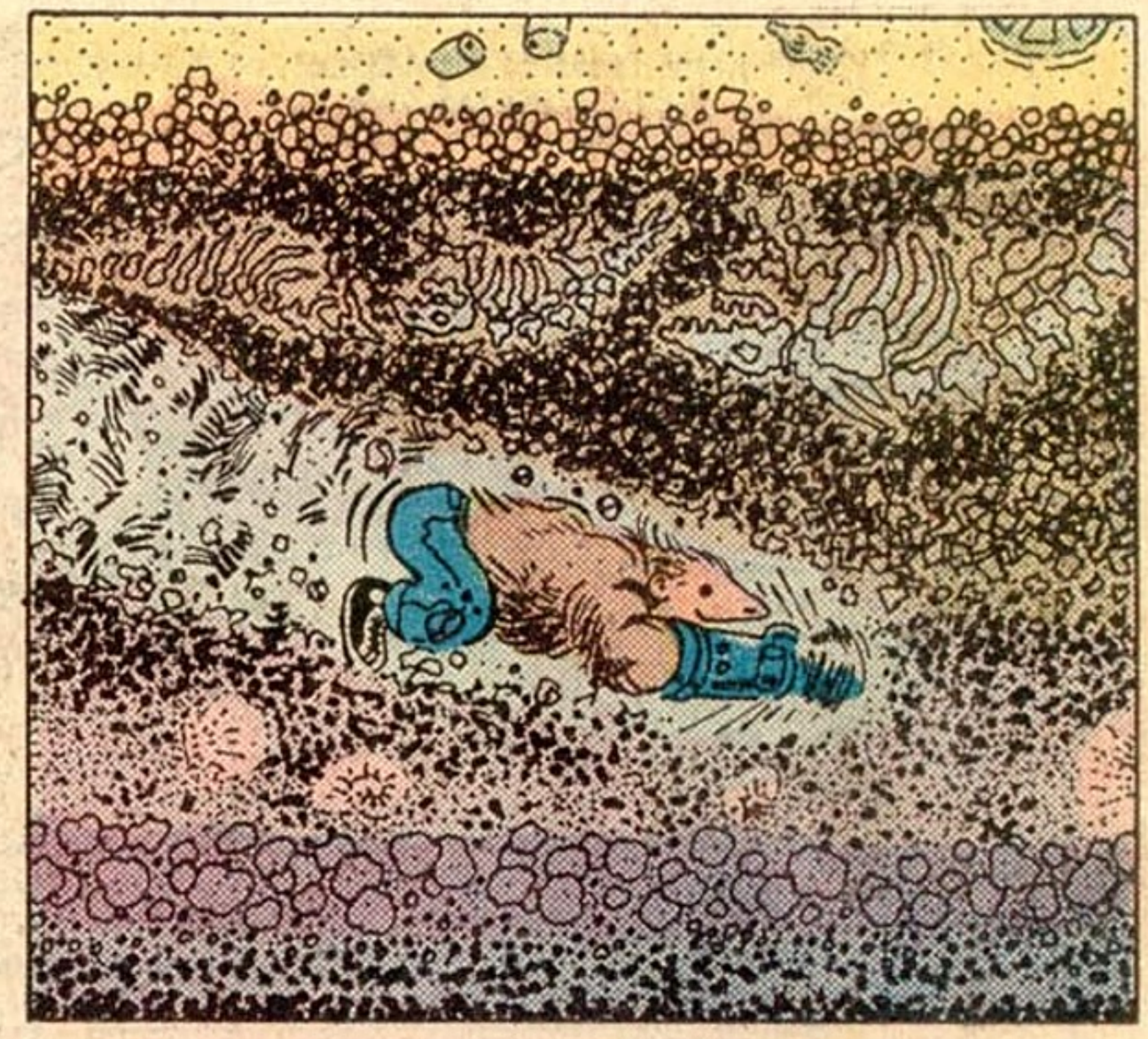
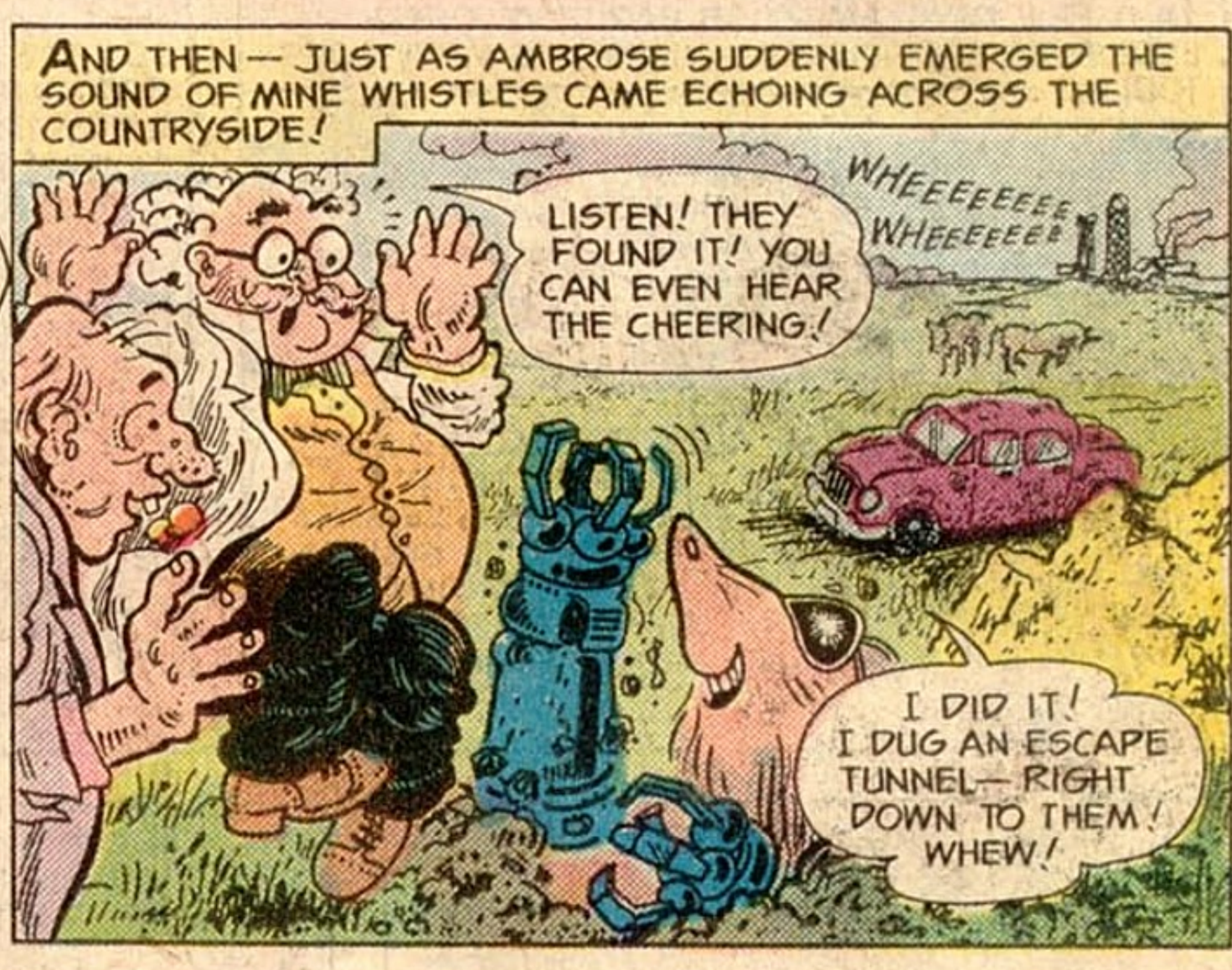
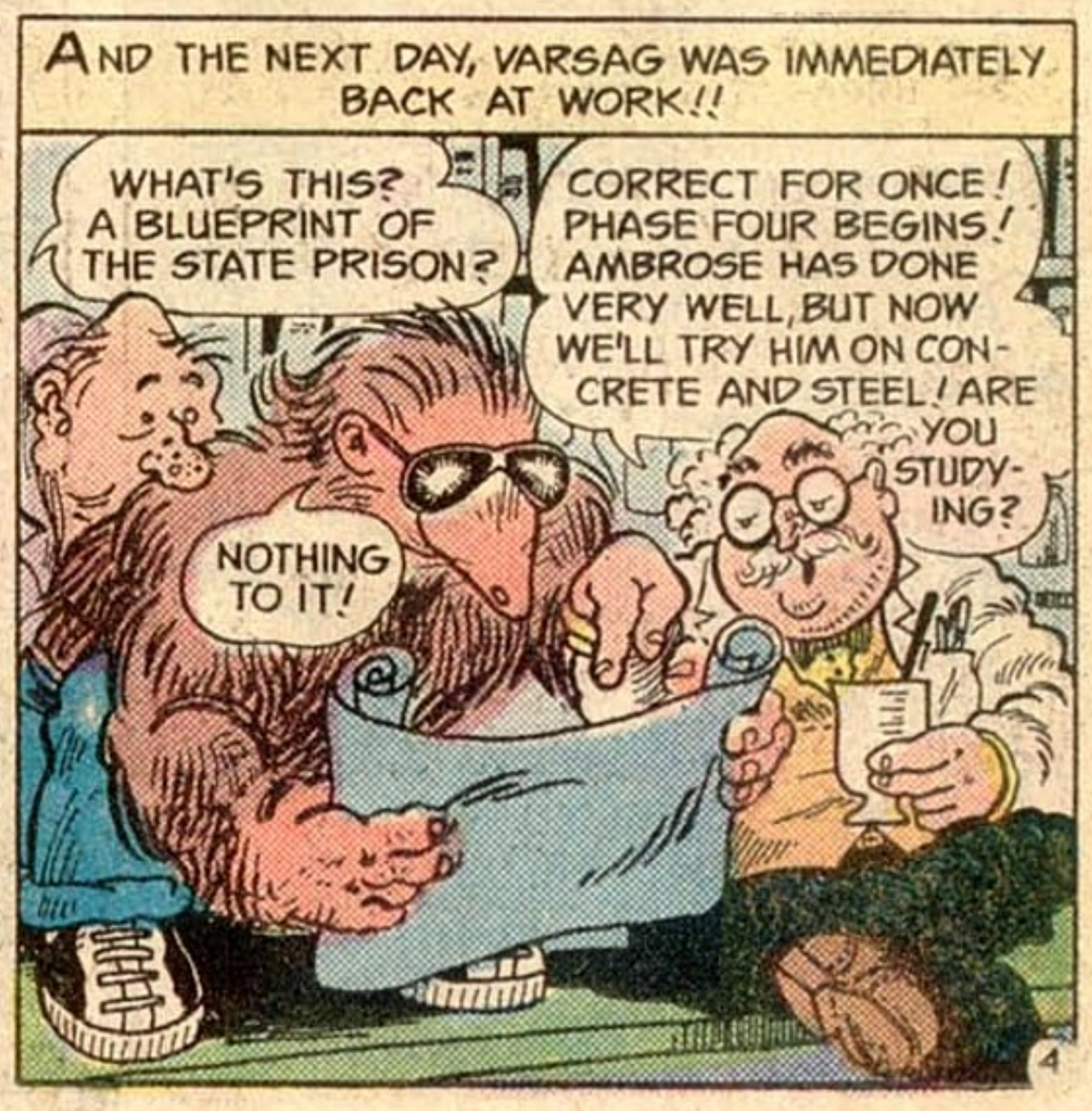


AN HOUR HAD GONE BY...
YOU THINK MAYBE WE STARTED TOO FAR AWAY?
NONSENSE...A MILE IS NOTHING TO TO AMBROSE! YOU FORGET I PLANNED THIS EXPERIMENT COMPLETELY!


AND THEN — JUST AS AMBROSE SUDDENLY EMERGED THE SOUND OF MINE WHISTLES CAME ECHOING ACROSS THE COUNTRYSIDE!
WHEEEEEEEE WHEEEEEEE
LISTEN! THEY FOUND IT! YOU CAN EVEN HEAR THE CHEERING!
I DID IT! I DUG AN ESCAPE TUNNEL— RIGHT DOWN TO THEM! WHEW!

THAT EVENING, BACK AT HOME, THEY LISTENED TO THE DRAMATIC STORY ON THE TV NEWS...
...UNKNOWN TUNNEL... A STRANGE DEVELOPMENT!
DEFINITELY NOT! ANY PUBLICITY NOW WOULD BE LIKE SOUNDING A BURGLAR ALARM!
ZZZZZZZ
BUT YOU'RE A HERO! DON'T YOU WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW?


AND THE NEXT DAY, VARSAG WAS IMMEDIATELY BACK AT WORK!!
WHAT'S THIS? A BLUEPRINT OF THE STATE PRISON?
CORRECT FOR ONCE! PHASE FOUR BEGINS! AMBROSE HAS DONE VERY WELL, BUT NOW WE'LL TRY HIM ON CONCRETE AND STEEL! ARE YOU STUDYING?
NOTHING TO IT!

THEN, ON A DARK AND MOONLESS NIGHT...3 MILES DUE NORTH OF THE STATE PRISON...

NOBODY TELLS ME ANYTHING...

MAIN BUILDING... CELL BLOCK 12... LOWER TIER... HIS NAME IS PERCY PETRIE...AND HE'S EXPECTING ME...

NOW REPEAT THE IN-STRUCTIONS...

IN SECONDS, ONLY A SHARPLY DESCENDING BURROW MARKED WHERE AMBROSE HAD STOOD...DR. VARSAG AND FRITZ SETTLED DOWN TO THEIR UNEASY WAITING...

WHY SHOULD WE SPRING ANYBODY FROM THE CLINK?

PERCY PETRIE ISN'T JUST ANYBODY! HE WAS THE #1 BANK ROBBER ON THE F.B.I. LIST BEFORE THEY CAUGHT HIM—AND HIS KNOWLEDGE IS INVALUABLE TO THE VARSAG FINANCIAL SECURITY CAMPAIGN!

TIME PASSED SLOWLY... AND THEN, AT LENGTH, STRANGE SOUNDS—A SCUFFLING AND SCRAMBLING—ONCE OUT OF THE TUNNEL...FAR MORE NOISE THAN AMBROSE WOULD MAKE...AND SUDDENLY...

HOORAY!

WE'RE OUT!

AND FOLLOWING IN TURN CAME AMBROSE AND PERCY PETRIE!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED AND... UM... Z-Z-Z-Z-Z

HOW'S THAT FOR GRATITUDE? AMBROSE DIGS THE TUNNEL AND THOSE OTHER GUYS PUSH 'EM ASIDE!

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, DR. VARSAG, AND THANKS! YOU WON'T BE SORRY!

THE NEXT MORNING, BY THE TIME NEWS OF THE GREAT BREAK WAS OUT, VARSAG AND PETRIE WERE ALREADY MAPPING PHASE FIVE!

THEY'RE CATCHING ON!

THEY COULDN'T CATCH COLD! CONTINUE PERCY!

SLURP

DAILY PTUI

FIVE ESCAPE STATE PRISON!

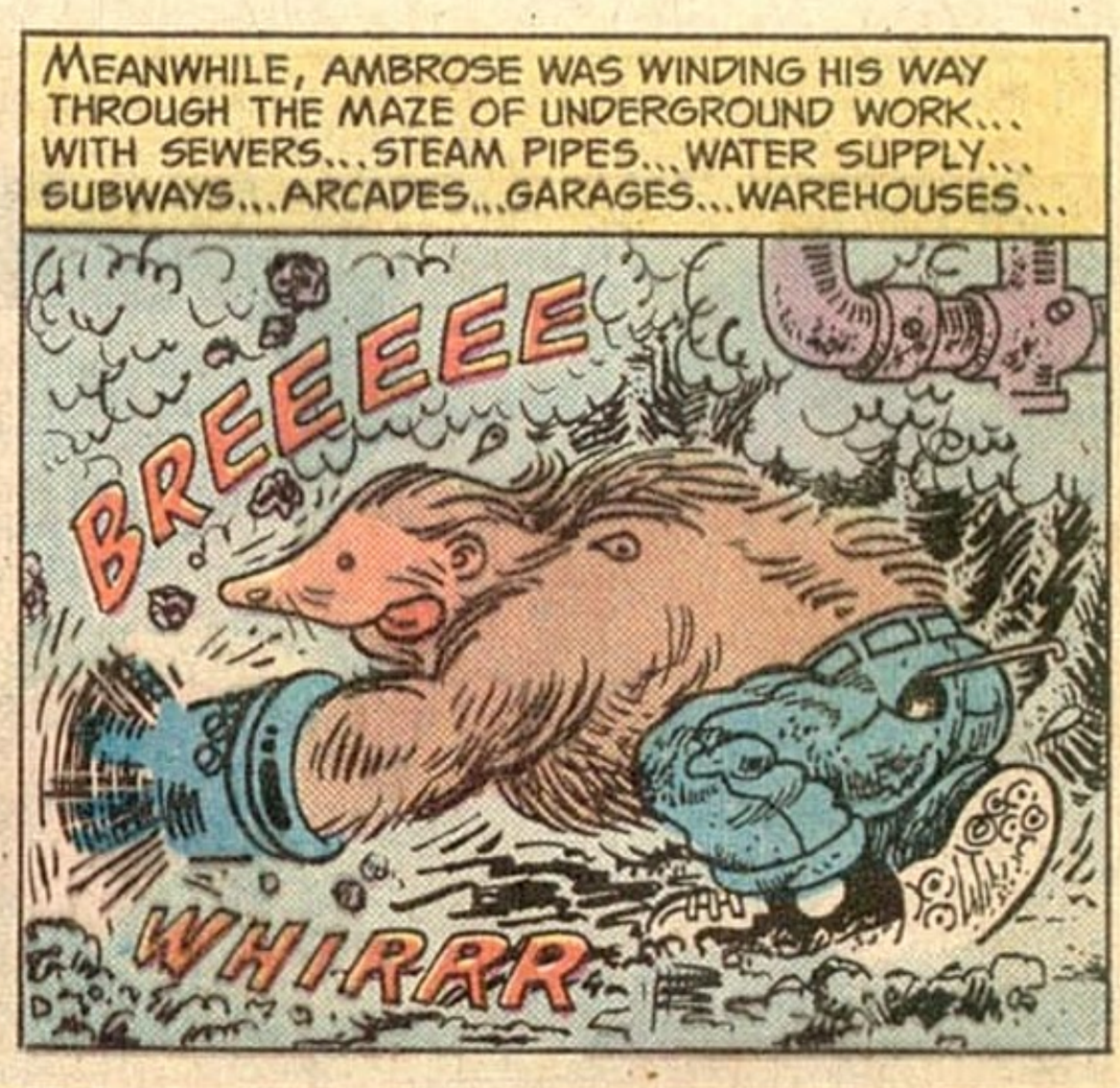
TUNNEL RECALLS MINE RESCUE!

NOW HERE'S THE MAIN STASH FOR THE GOLD BULLION...NEXT TO THE CURRENCY VAULT...

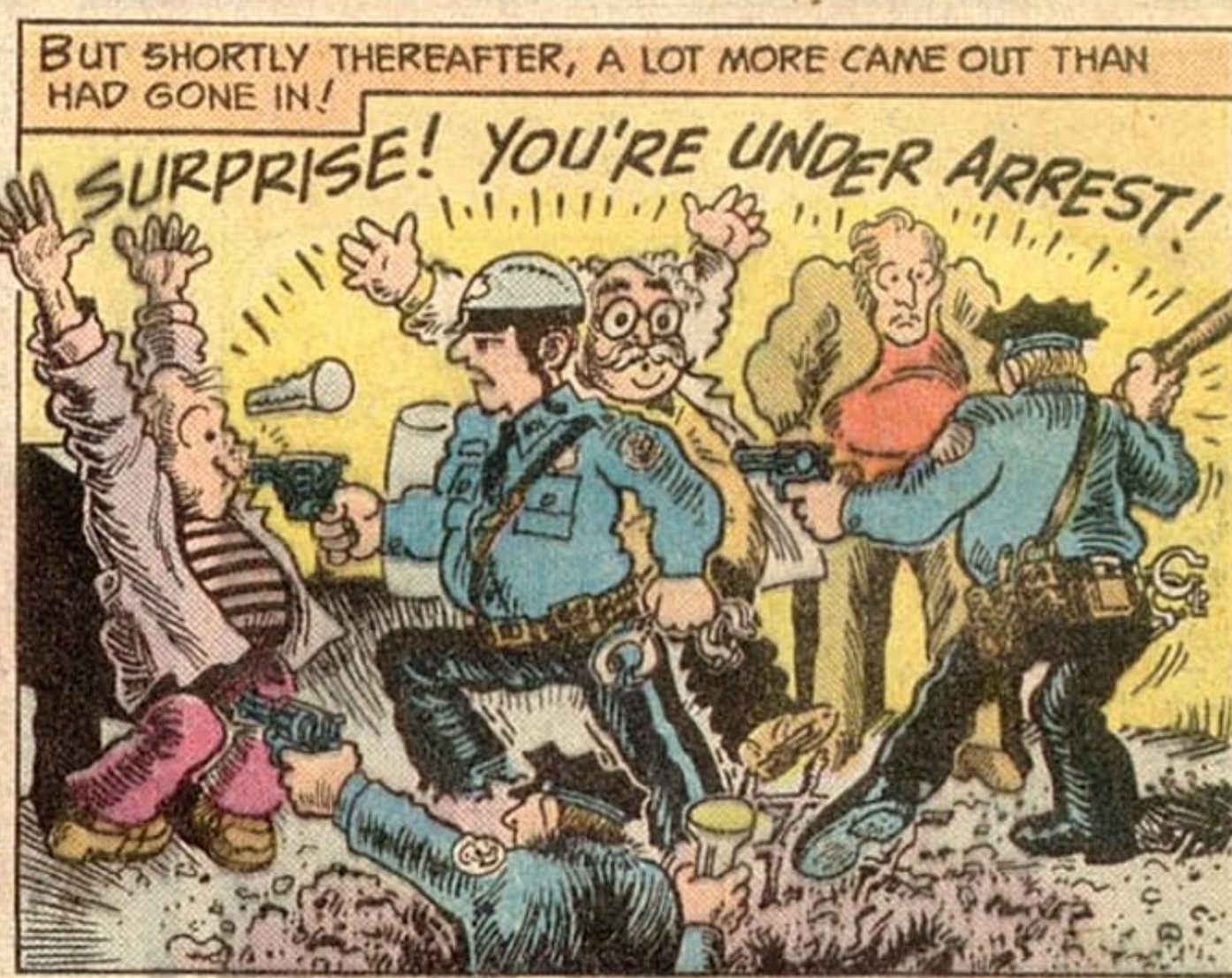
TWO NIGHTS LATER—WITH ALL PREPARATIONS COMPLETE, AMBROSE THE MOLE-MAN WAS ONCE AGAIN RARING TO GO! THIS TIME THE OBJECTIVE WAS THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK!

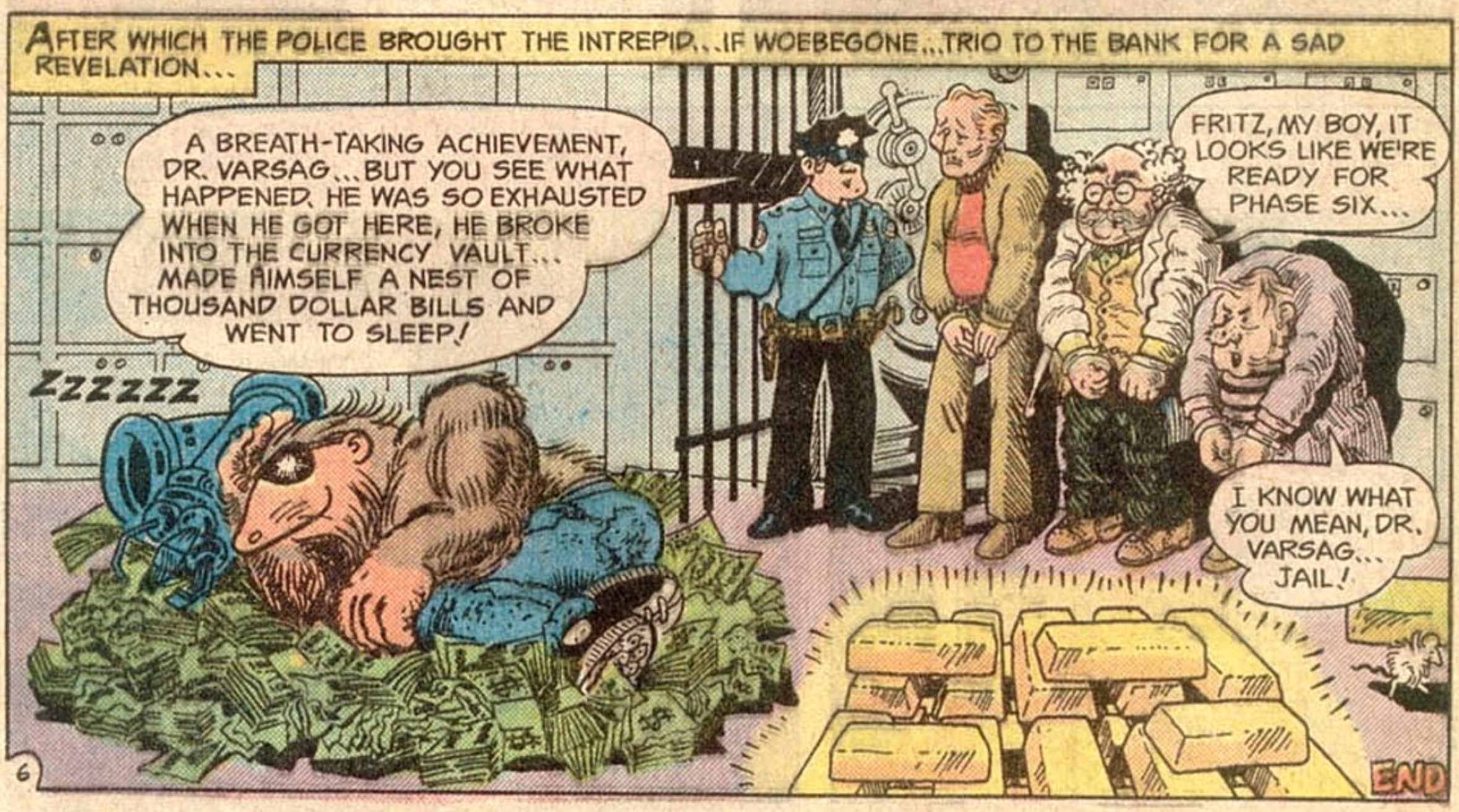
REMEMBER, AMBROSE... AFTER YOU TUNNEL UNDER THE RIVER... THERE ARE 7 LEVELS AT THIS POINT IN MANHATTAN WHERE THE BANK IS...THEN 3 MORE BEFORE YOU COME UP...

THEN AMBROSE WAS GONE...AND THE WAITING BEGAN...
THERE MUST BE MILLIONS THERE IN SOLID GOLD BARS! THIS IS THE WEEK THEY EXCHANGE IT FOR CURRENCY!
LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!


MEANWHILE, AMBROSE WAS WINDING HIS WAY THROUGH THE MAZE OF UNDERGROUND WORK... WITH SEWERS...STEAM PIPES...WATER SUPPLY... SUBWAYS...ARCADES...GARAGES...WAREHOUSES...
BREEEEEE
WHIRRR

AND FOUR HOURS LATER, THEY WERE STILL WAITING...
HE SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK BY NOW, DON'T YOU THINK?
PLEASE, FRITZ, DON'T YOU THINK! YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING: WHATEVER GOES IN, MUST COME OUT!


BUT SHORTLY THEREAFTER, A LOT MORE CAME OUT THAN HAD GONE IN!
SURPRISE! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!


AFTER WHICH THE POLICE BROUGHT THE INTREPID...IF WOEBEGONE...TRIO TO THE BANK FOR A SAD REVELATION...
A BREATH-TAKING ACHIEVEMENT, DR. VARSAG...BUT YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED. HE WAS SO EXHAUSTED WHEN HE GOT HERE, HE BROKE INTO THE CURRENCY VAULT... MADE HIMSELF A NEST OF THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS AND WENT TO SLEEP!
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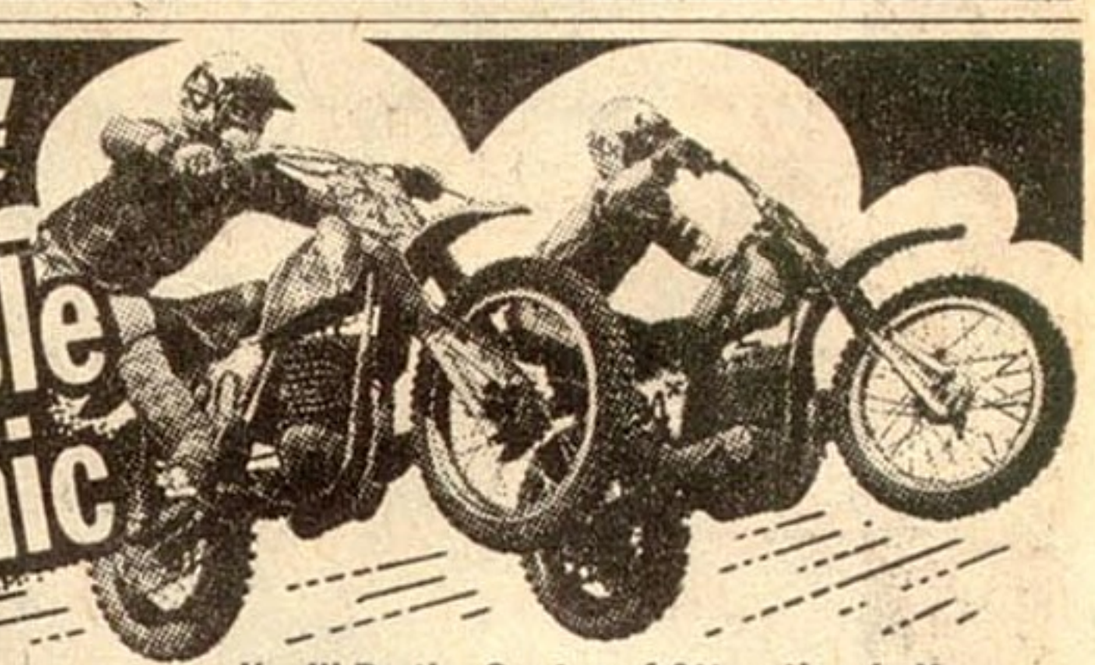

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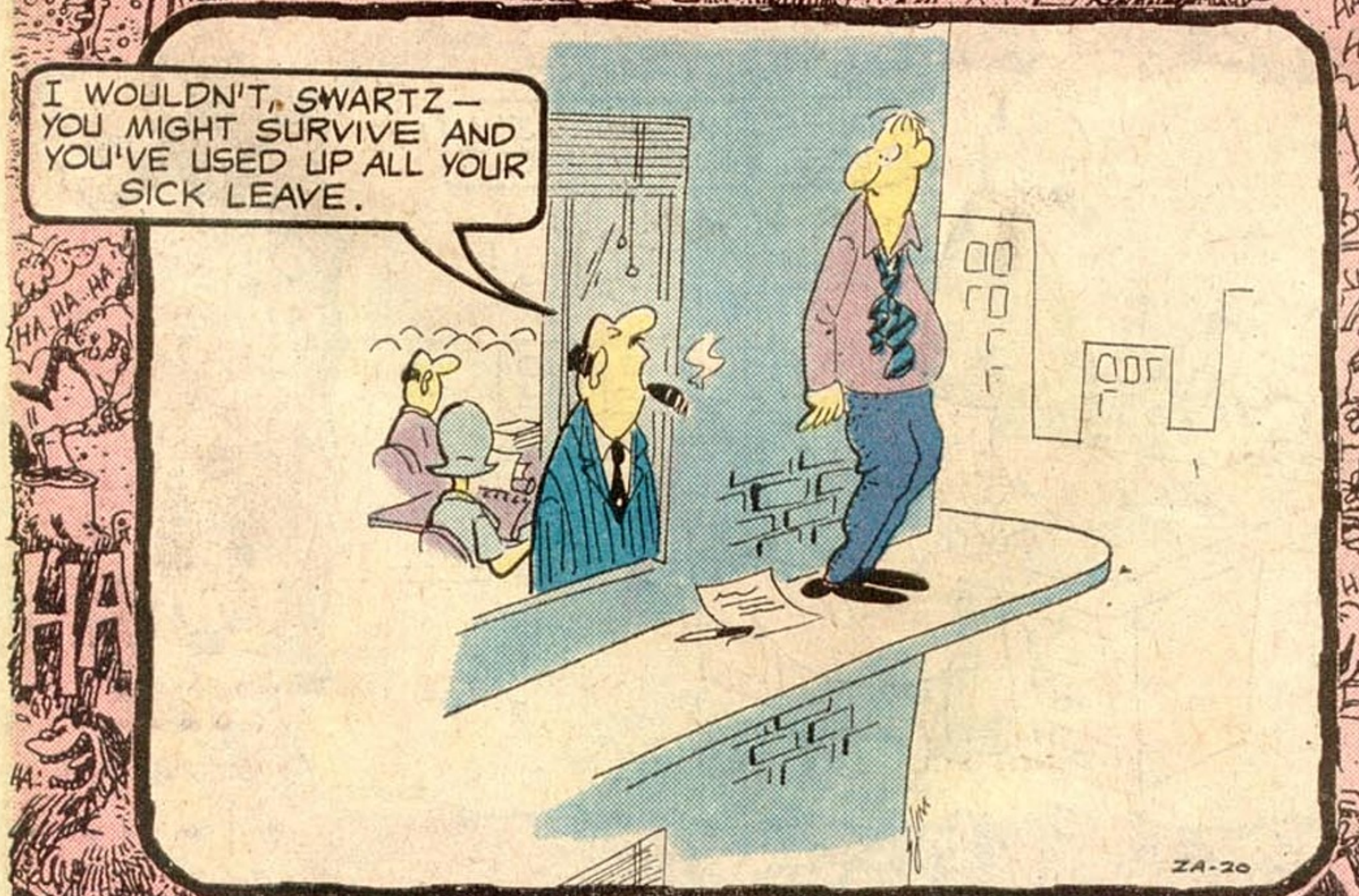

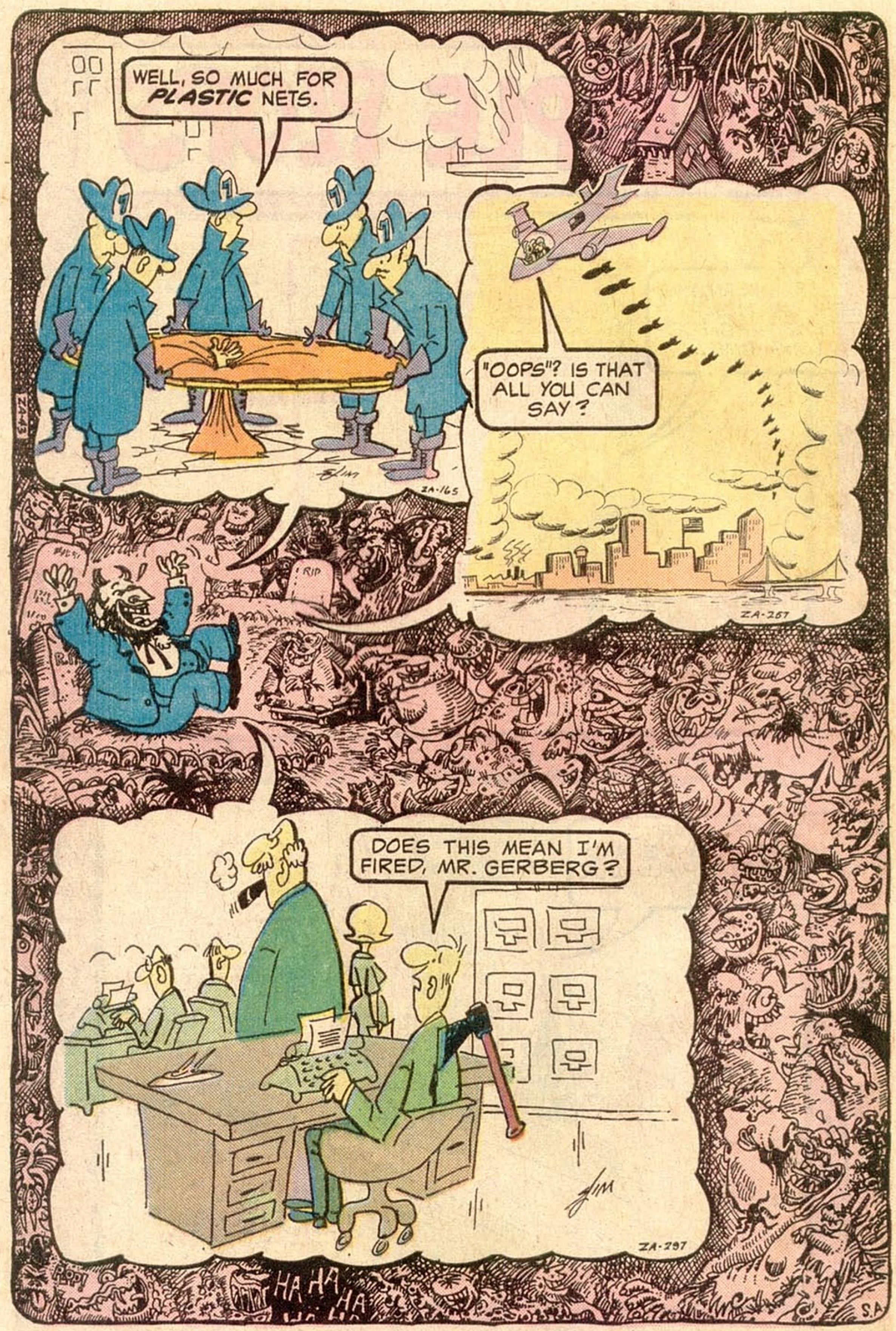
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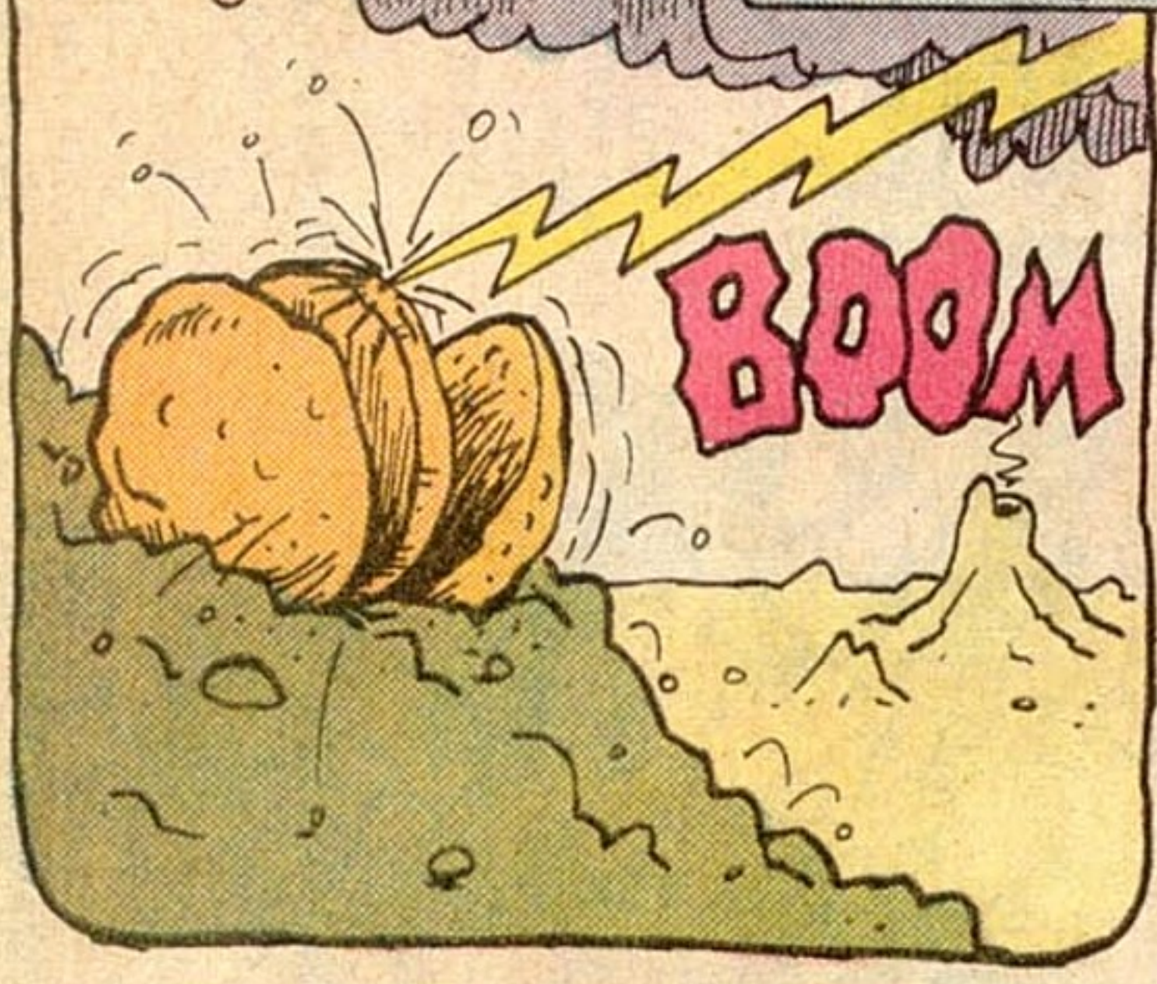

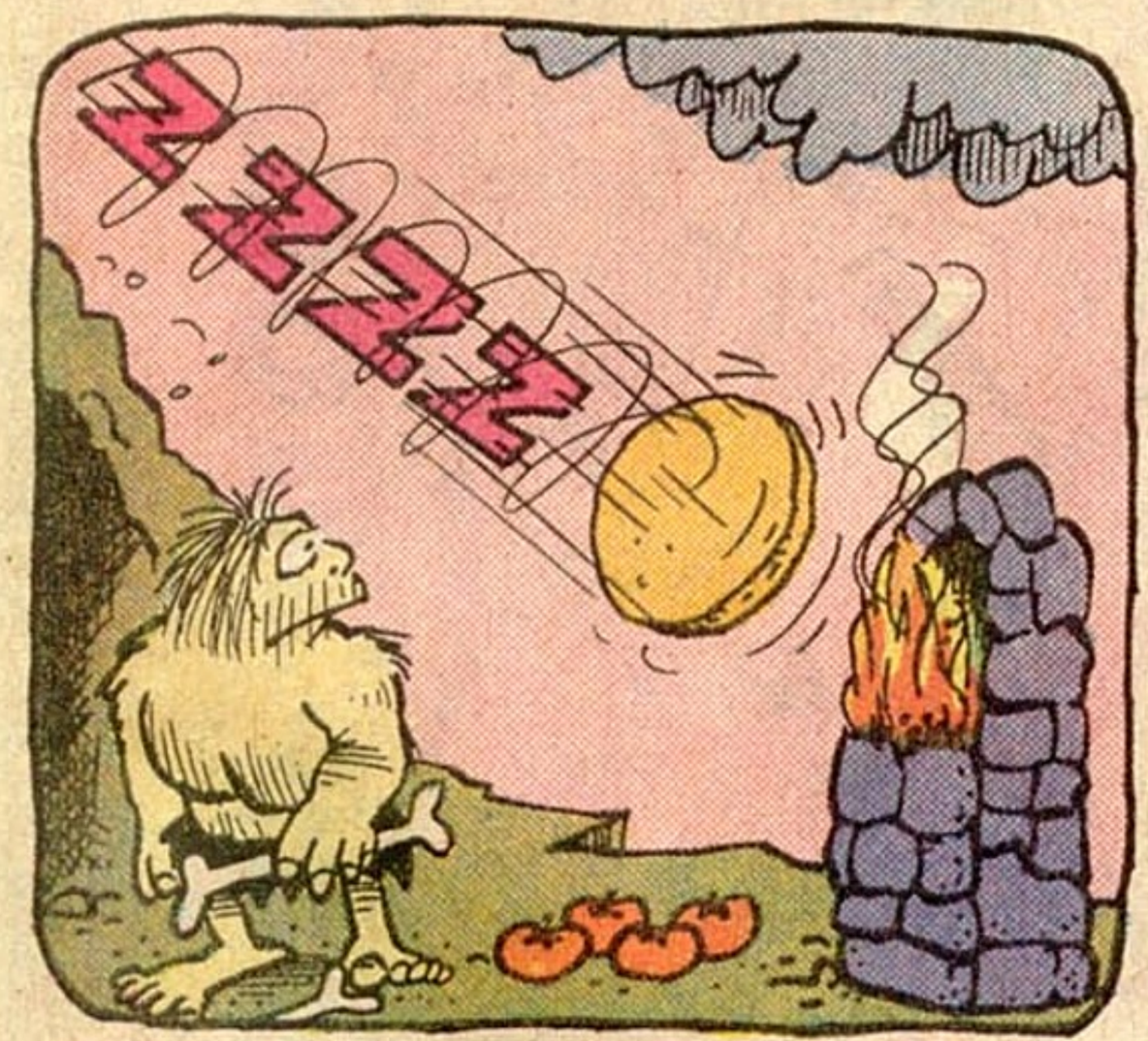

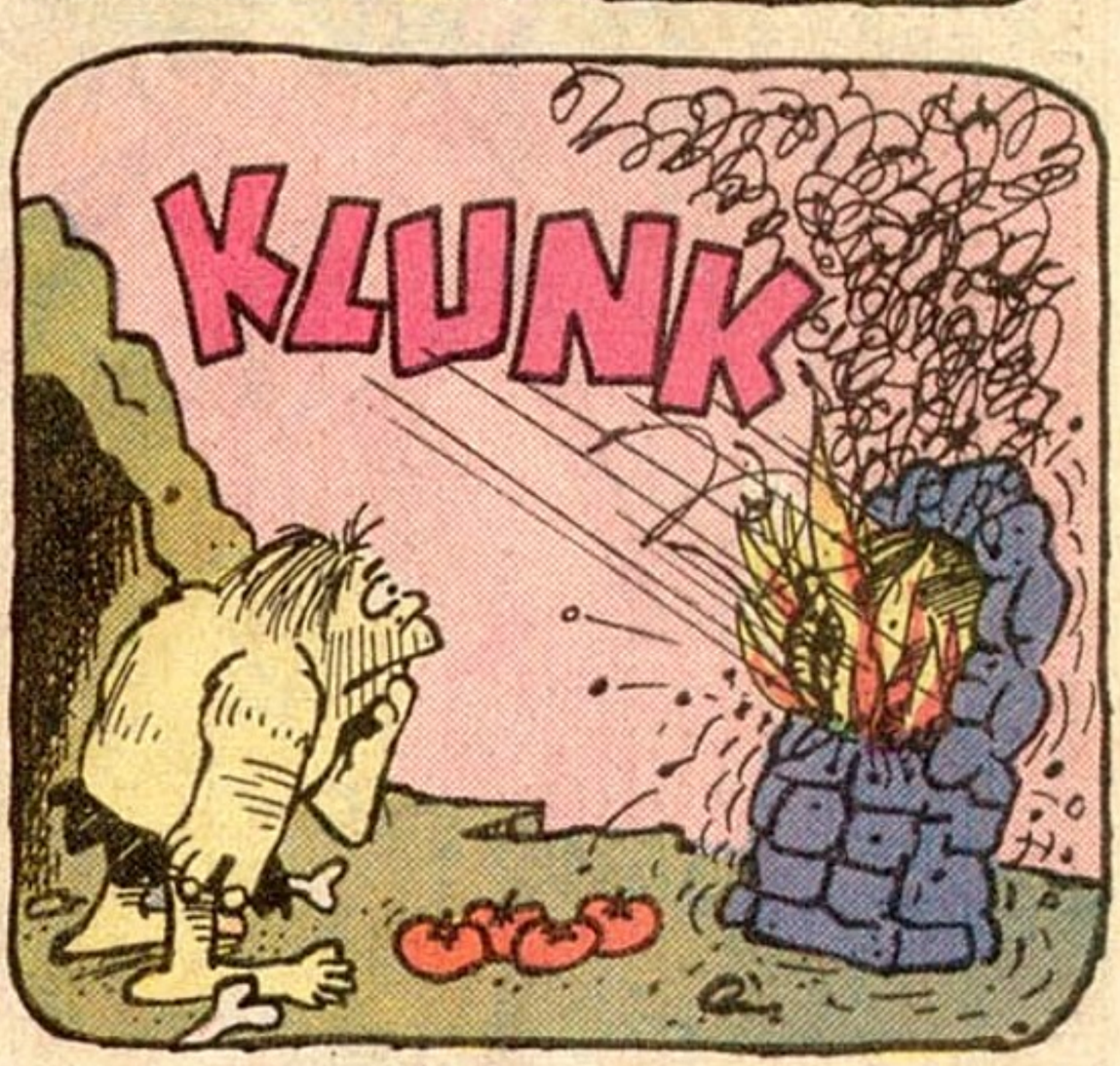

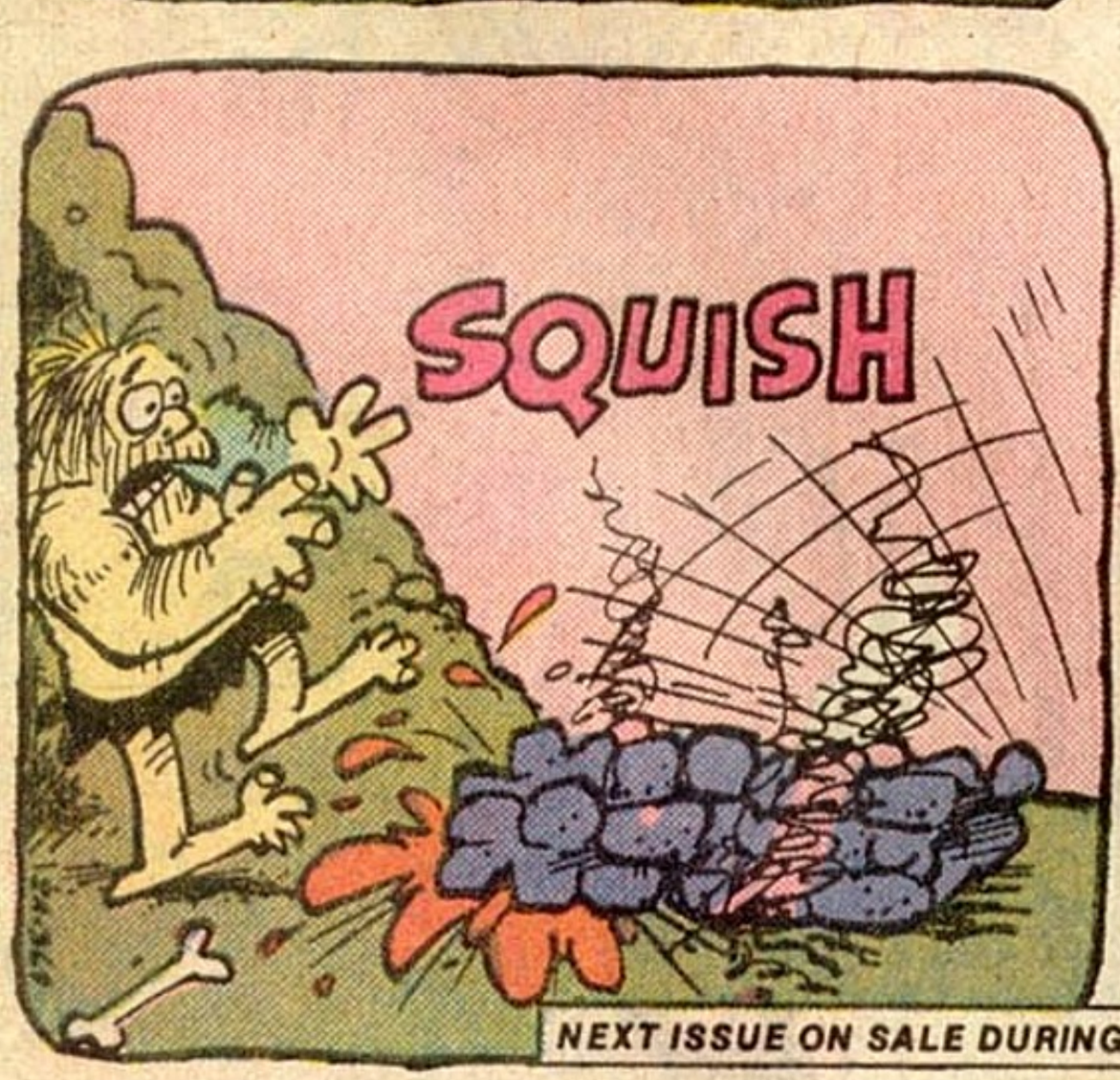

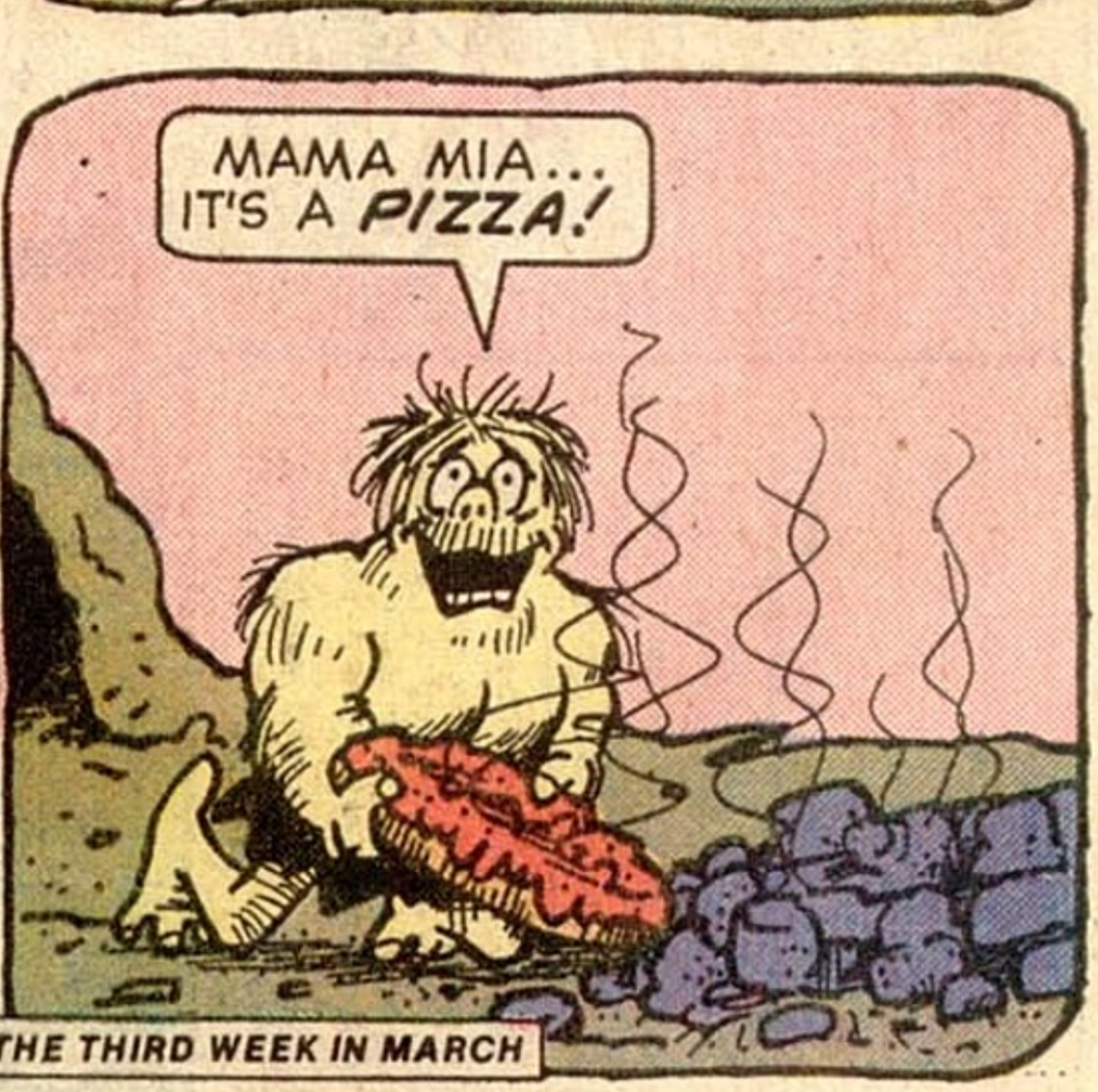

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